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Main Armies Retiring Slowly On Dunkirk BATTLE LIKELY TO LAST FOR DAYS

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IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO ENABLE THE BULK OF THE ALLIED TROOPS TO REACH THE SEA, THE BRITISH AND FRENCH COLUMNS COVERING THE ARMY'S RETREAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY STEMMED THE GERMAN BIG PUSH AT MOST POINTS, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE RIVER YSER FRONT.

Elsewhere British and French troops withdrew slowly, disputing the ground inch by inch, especially in the hilly region of Cassel, where the Germans are making strenuous efforts against the Anglo-French forces under General Prioux.

Lille has been abandoned and the Allied forces are slowly retreating amid hard fighting towards the Dunkirk fortified camp.

Meanwhile the floodings extending along the south-west and north-east sides of the Dunkirk fortified camp are now becoming effective.

The German air force suffered extremely heavy losses there; over 50 German machines were brought down in a single day, and the number of British and French ships hit by enemy bombs was small compared with the number of vessels engaged.—Havas.

Terrible Battle For French Troops

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Military quarters stress the fierce character of the fighting now proceeding in the hills in the vicinity of Cassel.

These hills are only 150 metres high but they dominate the low plain and are equipped with fortifications comprising concrete shelters.

FRENCH UNANIMITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The Labour Minister, M. Charles Pomaret, broadcasting yesterday, stressed the absolute unanimity of all classes of the French people in the present crisis.

Members of the Labour and Employers Federations, he said, had signed a joint declaration stating the common decision to unite their war efforts and unanimously affirmed the determination to spare no effort in the struggle for a total victory which will give birth to a new world based on justice.

In France's struggle for existence there was no room for the pursuit of selfish interests or partisan actions.—Havas.

British and French troops occupying this sector are doing their utmost to delay the German advance in order to enable General Prioux's army to entirely evacuate.

The Prioux forces are still forcing their way through the Germans and are fighting a terrible battle on the flanks and sometimes in front and rear. They are making slow progress towards Dunkirk.

Simultaneously the Germans launched violent air attacks against the Dunkirk fortified camp but French naval planes and anti-aircraft guns are maintaining their own.—Havas.

Battle Likely To Go On For Several Days

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Surveying the situation in Flanders and Artois late last night, a military spokesman stated that the great battle now being fought is likely to continue for several days.

The Germans have concentrated their entire striking force in desperate attempts to annihilate the British and French armies in the slowly diminishing area of battle, and outnumber the Allies by more than three to one.

The most violent fighting is taking place near Ypres, where troops are holding on grimly to cover the retreat of the French divisions whose situation is even more precarious than that of the British, as they have a gap only a few miles wide through which to pass to the coast and are being violently attacked in rear and on both flanks. The B.E.F. is co-operating magnificently to cover the northern flank of these divisions.

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WEATHER FORECAST: — South winds, moderate; fair to showery.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

PARITY IN FIGHTERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON WHO STATE THAT GERMAN AIR LOSSES SINCE MAY 10 ARE NOW WELL IN EXCESS OF 2,000 PLANES. POINT OUT THAT AS THE MAJORITY OF THESE ARE BOMBERS IT IMPLIES A LOSS OF OVER 5,000 IN TRAINED AIR PERSONNEL.

This estimate is considered to err on the low side.

Well-informed quarters also express the opinion that as a result of the great air battles of the last eighteen days, Britain is already close to parity with Germany in fighter craft, and parity in numbers takes no account of British moral superiority which has been

ANTI-ALLIED OUTBURST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Taking as pretext Leopold's capitulation, the Italian press yesterday published extremely violent outbursts against the Allies, using language of unprecedented violence.

This performance of the Italian newspapers gives the impression that the main object is to suppress pro-Belgian sympathies among the Italian public.—Havas.

MASS BOMBING OF BRITAIN LOOMS

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in his broadcast last night said that the Government has every reason to expect that a campaign of mass bombing of Britain is near.

It will be impossible to undertake large-scale evacuations once raiding has begun.

He pointed out that a scattered population was the best guarantee of security and appealed for the fullest cooperation of parents.—Reuter.

clearly established.

Only in bombers is Germany vastly superior to British air strength.—Reuter.

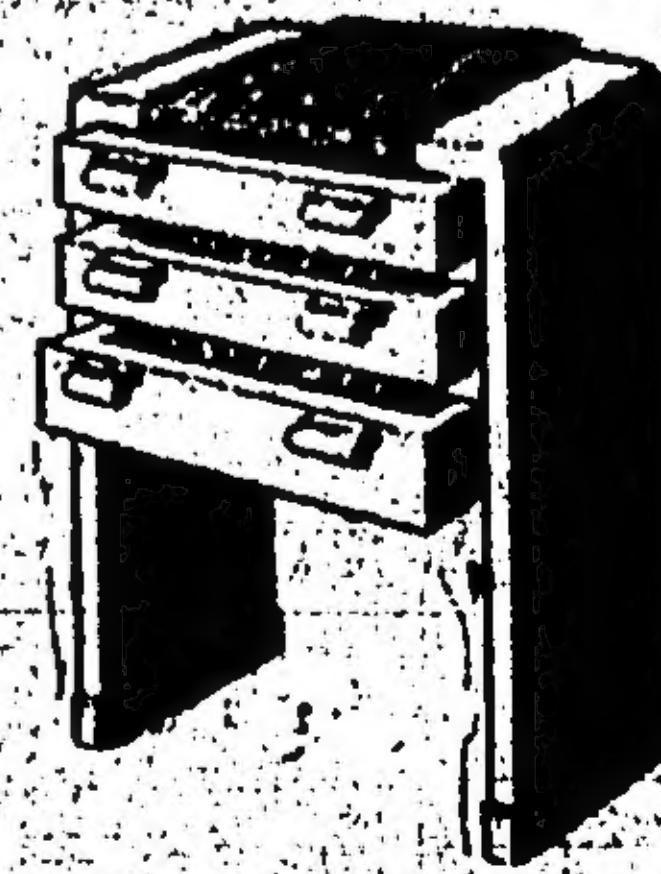
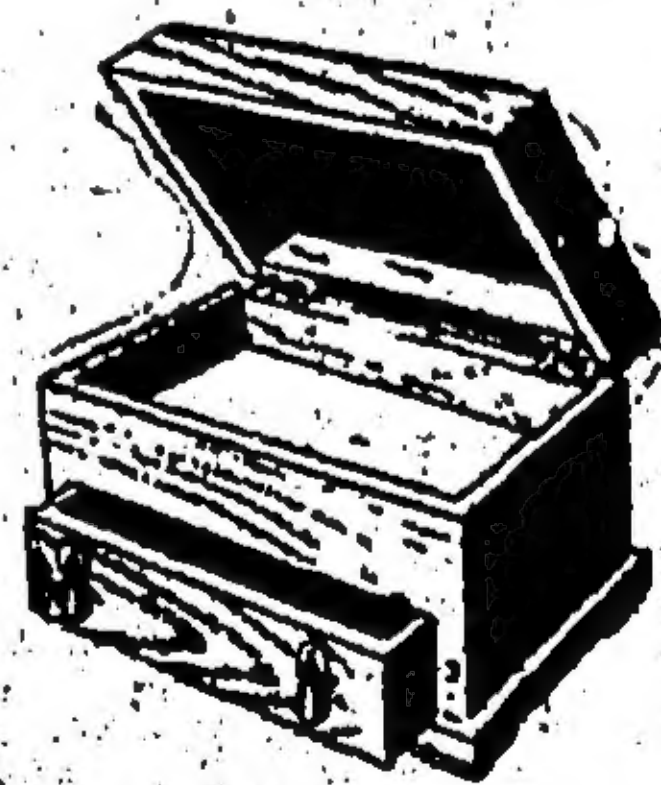
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**CONFERENCE TABLE
NOT FOR HITLER**

London, To-day.

ADDRESSING THE FOREIGN Press Association in London yesterday the Minister of Information, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, said during the seven years since Hitler assumed office the conference table was open to him and he had been repeatedly invited to make his claims in the way civilised people had learnt by experience to make claims.

"He preferred other methods of getting his way. We can assure him now that the seat by the conference table which so long awaited him awaits him no longer. He will never receive an invitation."

In countries conquered by Hitler, the Minister continued, the free press had disappeared, and to tell the truth or hold an independent view, became a crime. There, only the official communique and the echo of the master's voice was allowed.

Mr. Duff-Cooper expressed the confident belief that the Allies, fighting side by side, would maintain the liberties which Nazism attacked and threatened.

He concluded: "Theirs are forces upon which he may deliver one defeat, two defeats, defeat upon defeat, but which he cannot overcome."

Cannot Conquer

"Behind them stands something more powerful than all the tanks, parachutes and bombers this world or any world could produce. Behind them stands something invincible—the soul of man, and that he cannot conquer because it is immortal and all the powers of darkness shall not prevail against it."—British Wireless.

WASHINGTON SAILS

New York, To-day.

The liner Washington sailed yesterday for Europe to evacuate Americans

**AFRIKAANS'
OUTLOOK**

Pretoria, To-day.

The Rev. W. Nicol, one of the leading members of the Dutch Reform Church in South Africa, bitterly condemned the German invasion of Holland in a sermon yesterday.

He had always looked forward to an independent Afrikaaner nation, he said, but he would sooner see that nation lost than that it should find itself under the rule of a non-Christian nation.—Reuter.

**AUSTRALIAN
RUMOUR-MONGERS**

Canberra, To-day.

A warning against rumour-mongers is made by Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, who asks the public not to accept malicious stories about well-known public men and citizens.—Reuter.

from France. She is carrying Red Cross supplies.—Reuter.

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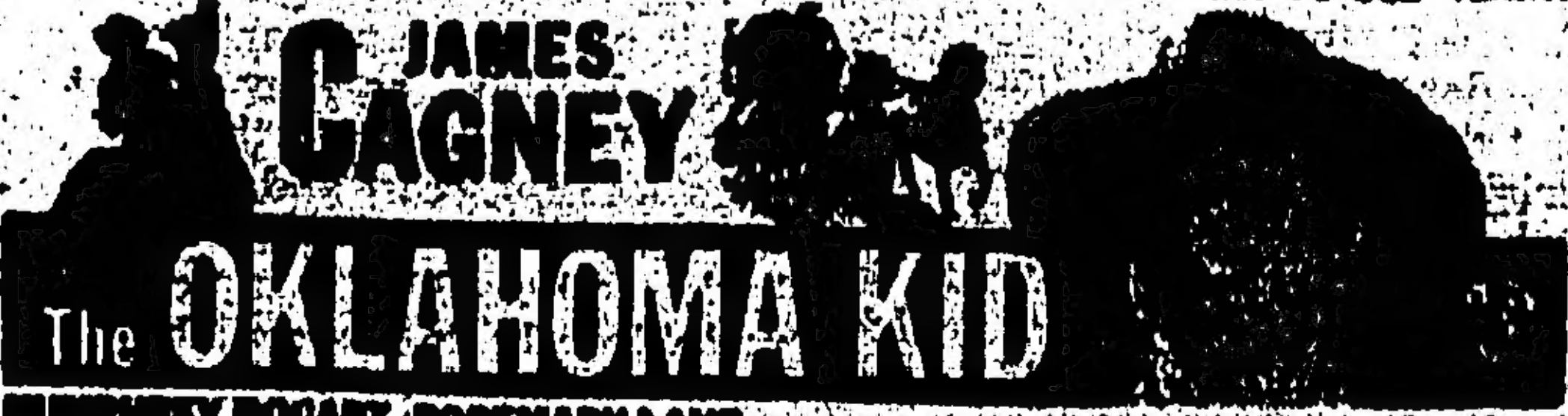
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WOUNDED ARRIVE IN AUSTRIA IN THOUSANDS

ON THE GERMAN-YUGOSLAV FRONTIER,

TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT MORALE IN AUSTRIA HAS RAPIDLY FALLEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WESTERN OFFENSIVE.

This is partly due to the many Austrians fighting there, and it is learned from the wounded pouring into Austria every day that the German successes have been gained only at enormous cost.

COLOSSAL GERMAN SACRIFICES

Göthenburg, To-day.

The "Göteborg Handels Tidning" says Weygand has made a strong Somme front at the Germans' back if they continue the beloved aim of attacking England.

The Germans' extraordinary efforts and colossal losses of life and material for the successes they have won have brought them to a new barrier. It will be difficult to overcome and their troubles will begin again.

It is astonishing that the Germans admitted their own losses can be reckoned at 100,000 to 200,000 lost in Belgium alone. One can guess what the whole expedition has cost.—Reuter.

73,000 GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS IN BRITISH ISLES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, THE HOME SECRETARY, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE NUMBERS OF PERSONS OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN NATIONALITY IN THIS COUNTRY WERE APPROXIMATELY 31,000 MALES AND 42,000 FEMALES, OF WHOM ABOUT 5,600 AND 3,200, RESPECTIVELY, HAD BEEN INTERNED.

Asked what steps were being taken to apprehend members of the Fifth Column who might attempt to enter the country in the guise of refugees,

Most of the wounded arriving in Austria are natives of other parts of the Reich. In most cases Austrians are not aware whether their own husbands and friends have killed or wounded.

Another source of discontent is the recent mobilisation of many boys between the ages of 15 and 18 who are receiving pre-military training.

Troops still serving in southern Austria are between 35 and 45 years of age.

"Every German His Plot"

Civilians are not allowed to approach the frontier where the guards have been strengthened.

According to the same sources, Communist placards were posted during the black-out in eastern Carinthia.

Handbills brought back into Austria by wounded give evidence of anti-Nazi activity.

One shows a drawing of numerous grave-yards and weeping women, and underneath an extract from Hitler's speech "I will give every German his little plot of ground."—Reuter.

RHODESIAN INNER WAR CABINET

Salisbury (South Rhodesia),

To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Huggins, announced in the Assembly yesterday the formation of an inner war cabinet consisting of himself and the Ministers of Defence and Air to meet daily with the aim of intensifying South Rhodesia's war effort. He also announced it was proposed to raise some native regiments for service in Africa.—Reuter.

Sir John said it would not be in the public interest to give any detailed account of the measures taken.

All practical measures were being taken for this purpose.—Reuter.

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BRILLIANT AIR VICTORY

One Squadron Bags 37 German Planes

New Defiants Show Their Mettle

London, To-day.

AN AMAZING AIR VICTORY, one of the greatest in history, is revealed by the Air Ministry.

Out of a total of 62 German 'planes shot down or seriously damaged on Wednesday, 37 were "bagged" by one squadron of the new twin-engined "Defiant" fighters — without the loss of a single 'plane!

One gunner who thought his 'plane had been seriously disabled bailed out in his parachute over Belgium, but all machines returned safely.

Of the 37, 17 were fighters and the rest were bombers.

Cannon Shells

During the past three days this particular squadron has destroyed 50 enemy aircraft.

On their after-lunch patrol on Wednesday over Dunkirk the Defiants first sighted seven Messerschmidt 109's. They immediately attacked and one of the Messerschmidts was shot down.

Hardly had this fight finished when the British Defiants were surprised by four more Nazi fighters diving on them out of the sun and firing a stream of cannon shells. One of the Defiants was then hit but was able to reach home safely. It was from this fighter that the gunner jumped.

After a dog fight between the remaining Defiants and other Messerschmidts, the Nazi fighters finally disappeared.

Then the British squadron saw two formations of nine Heinkel III bombers that were attempting to bomb Dunkirk but all their bombs fell into the sea. They were attacked by British Hurricanes so the defiants looked for other quarry.

Another Dog-Fight

Circling above them ready to dive and attack were a number of Messerschmidt 110 twin-engined fighters. There was another dog fight in which 16 of the Nazi fighters were destroyed.

Mixed up in this engagement were 30 to 40 JU87 dive bombers that were also attempting to bomb Dunkirk. One of these aircraft was also destroyed by the Defiants.

The British fighters continued the action until they had exhausted all their ammunition, and then made for home.

On their second patrol the Defiants again encountered large numbers of dive bombers. They shot down 18 JU87's for certain and a possible another two as well.

The Defiants had still some ammunition left and resumed their patrol. They then met a JU88 flying on its own. Having shot it down they again set off for home.

Altogether, 57 enemy 'planes were shot down during the day, of which 25 were bombers. A further 17 were seriously damaged.

Ten of our fighters are missing, but one pilot, although wounded, has returned safely.

Meanwhile, heavy bombers were active during Wednesday/Thursday night supporting Allied troops.

Naval Planes in Action

Naval 'planes attacked an enemy aeroplane base on the Dutch coast, damaging hangars and wrecking several seaplanes.

Other naval 'planes shot down an enemy bomber over the North Sea and disabled another.

A fighter pilot who shot down three enemy fighters and a bomber came down into the sea. He was picked up and landed at a South-East coast port during the night.—Reuter and British Wireless.

NEW AMERICAN DEFENCE PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.

The White House announces a new defence programme totalling \$1,000,000,000.

It is stated President Roosevelt hopes to send a message to Congress to-day recommending expenditure to that amount for the purchase of tanks, guns, planes and reserve material.

The President is also requesting the legislature to permit the expanded training of men both for combatant and non-combatant purposes.

The message will ask for the quickest possible action by Congress.—Reuter.

D.F.C.s FOR FAR EAST PILOTS

London, To-day.

The latest list of R.A.F. awards include D.F.C.s to Flight-Lieut. R. P. R. Powell, born in Penang in 1916, and Pilot-Officer T. D. H. Davy, born in Shanghai, and aged 20.—Reuter.

SAYS MANY BRITONS ARE HOPING FOR AIR RAIDS

"Many Britons are actually hoping for air raids, because they think the opening of aerial warfare will bring victory sooner for the Allies," said Judge C. G. Greenshields, on his return to Montreal from a visit to Britain.

The British people, he said, reasoned that war cannot be waged without casualties.

He added: "They believe the R.A.F. would give more to the German civilians than the British people would have to take."

TO REPLACE SIR WM. SEEDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS ASSERT THAT SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS WILL PROBABLY BE APPOINTED "SPECIAL AMBASSADOR" TO MOSCOW, AND IT IS HOPED THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WILL BE SOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE ENABLING SIR STAFFORD TO LEAVE FOR MOSCOW AND DISCUSS THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

It is understood that upon the Kremlin's request, Sir Stafford's status will be somewhat similar to that of Sir Samuel Hoare, who has just been appointed "Ambassador on mission to Spain."

Well-informed circles reveal that at the moment the Soviet asked for full diplomatic status to be given Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Government was about to ask the Soviet to accept a new Ambassador to replace Sir William Seeds, who for five months has been in London "on sick leave."—Havas.

GERMANS TO PARADE "GALLANT ARMY"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Belgian troops which laid down their arms will parade through Brussels "as a demonstration of the home-coming of a gallant army," it is announced in Berlin.—Havas.

SIR JOSEPH LEECH PASSES

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Sir Joseph Leech, M.P., for Newcastle-on-Tyne and a distinguished surgeon.—Reuter.

RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION OF AMIENS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The destruction of Amiens by Nazi bombers on May 18 was related by eye-witnesses arriving in Paris yesterday.

At 5 a.m. about 30 German planes appeared over the town circling at a low altitude. They dropped at least 100 bombs on the railway station and aerodrome, despite anti-aircraft fire.

Four hours later 20 planes attacked the station a second time, also dropping bombs at the barracks nearby, causing some casualties.

Next day the town was completely destroyed when German bombers proceeded to bomb the city methodically, district after district.—Havas.

NATIONAL LOAN BILL PASSED

London, To-day.

The House of Lords yesterday adopted all stages of the National Loan Bill, which passed through all stages in the Commons on Wednesday.

The Government spokesman, explaining the Bill, said that when Germany invades any country, the invasion is accompanied by seizure of everything which might add to her resources.

British Government bearer bonds would be valuable booty since there is no means of checking any change of ownership overnight.

The Bill was designed to prevent such bonds having value if they fall into the hands of the enemy.—Reuter.

NINE BURNED TO DEATH

NINE WERE BURNED TO DEATH AND 11 INJURED IN THE DISASTROUS FIRE IN PERCIVAL STREET, WANCHAI, EARLY THIS MORNING.

The first three floors of No. 34 and 36 were completely gutted in the blaze, and firemen later found the bodies of four women and five children among the debris.

Four adults and seven children are now in Queen Mary Hospital suffering from burns and injuries.

AMERICANS TAKEN PRISONER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The four American ambulance workers reported missing have been taken prisoner by the Germans, says Berlin radio announcement.—Havas.

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SIR STAFFORD TO BECOME AMBASSADOR?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
The British Government has asked the Soviet Government to accept the appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., as the British Ambassador in Russia instead of Sir William Seeds, K.C.M.G.
(Sir Stafford Cripps, recently toured China and visited Hong Kong).—Havas.

D.S.O. FOR MALAYAN R.A.F. MAN

London, To-day.
Squadron-Leader Edward Mortlake Donaldson, born in Negri Sembilan, Malaya, in 1912, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in flying operations.

An Air Ministry announcement says Donaldson has inspired in his squadron such a fine fighting spirit that on its first encounter with enemy forces, nine aircraft of his squadron destroyed six enemy aircraft and a further five are believed to have been destroyed.

Four or five enemy aircraft were destroyed the following day.

Donaldson's high courage and inspiring qualities of leadership made his squadron a formidable fighting unit. Donaldson himself has shot down four enemy aircraft. — Reuter.

BELGIANS STILL FIGHTING WITH ALLIES

London, To-day.
A Belgian radio announcer from France stated last night that Belgian troops are still fighting side by side with the British and French in Flanders. — Reuter.

NAVY'S WORK

THREE DESTROYERS LOST

London, To-day.
It is officially announced that British warships are giving all possible help to the British and French land forces operating on the French coast under heavy enemy pressure.

Warships are giving supporting and covering fire to troops impeding the enemy's movement, and have inflicted considerable punishment upon the German advanced forces.

Wounded and a large number of other elements have already been safely withdrawn.

These operations are being conducted ceaselessly day and night with coolness and determination in the face of fierce opposition, particularly from the air.

The German High Command has claimed to have inflicted very large losses upon naval units and the transports which they protect. As usual, these claims bear no relation to the facts.

Three Destroyers Lost

Operations of this nature cannot be carried out without losses. The destroyers Grafton, Grenade and Wakeful, and certain small auxiliary craft, have been lost.

One small transport, the Aboukir, of 689 tons, has been sunk.

The spirit and conduct of all concerned are beyond all praise.

The operations are proceeding. — Reuter.

Grafton and Grenade, built in 1936, carry a normal complement of 125 officers and men. They are 1,335 tons each. Wakeful, built in 1935, is a vessel of 1,100 tons.

The Navy has now lost 17 of 179 destroyers in service at the outbreak of war, but several have since been launched.

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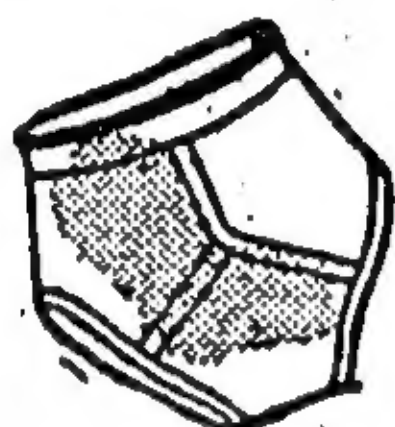


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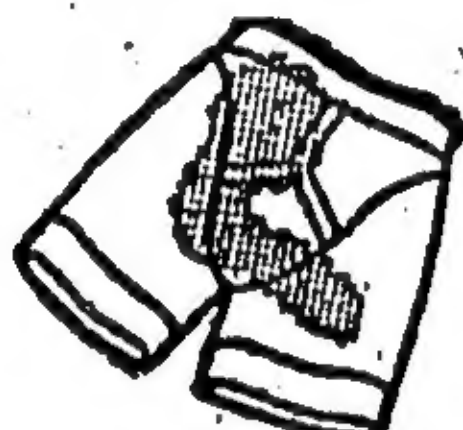
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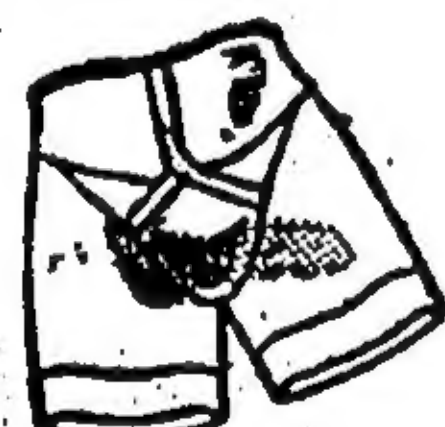
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE AID GIVEN BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TO THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FLANDERS IS DESCRIBED IN AN AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN.

Throughout Wednesday, it states, the main effort of the R.A.F. was concentrated on relieving the pressure on the flanks of the Allied forces.

"Our fighter aircraft, in a magnificent series of actions, repeatedly broke up formations of enemy fighters and bombers, and very severe losses were inflicted on the enemy."

EVERY PROSPECT OF EARLY CALL ON CIVIL DEFENCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY ANNOUNCES: "IN VIEW OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SITUATION WHEN THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF AN EARLY CALL UPON THE CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES, THE MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT SERVICES SHOULD BE FULLY MANNED IN A STATE OF READINESS AND EFFICIENCY."

"Members of the civil defence services, including the Auxiliary Fire Service and the police auxiliaries and casualty services, are rendering an essential national service, and the Minister asks all members of these services to remain in their present posts unless released for special reasons by the officer in charge of their local service." —Reuter.

Evacuation Decision

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Minister of Health, in a broadcast last night, said the Government feel the risk of early bombing to be so real that they must make as complete as possible new plans for the evacuation of children which it may be necessary to start next week.

Mr. Macdonald added the Government asked parents to recognise that the transfer of children will increase the ability to shelter from harm the general population in addition to permitting children to be much safer. —Reuter.

38 Per Cent To Go

London, To-day.

The number of school-children registered for evacuation from south-east coast towns to Wales is 32,766, representing 61 per cent. of the total school-children in that area, while the total in four Medway towns is 6,418, representing 38 per cent.

The percentage registering for evacuation in March was only 8.3.

These 39,000 school-children will be taken to South Wales and the Midlands on June 2, while 9,000 evacuated in September from London and Medway towns to coastal areas between Folkestone (Kent) and Sheringham (Norfolk) will also be transferred to South Wales and the Midlands. —Reuter.

NAZIS AND BELGRADE

Berlin, To-day.

Economic negotiations between Germany and Yugoslavia have been successfully concluded, says a Bucharest message to the German official news agency. —Reuter.

The latest reports received by the Air Ministry show that at least 77 enemy aircraft were destroyed by our fighters during the day.

Meanwhile R.A.F. medium bombers were out all day, attacking enemy transport columns and armoured fighting vehicles and destroying bridges and machine-gun emplacements.

All our aircraft returned from these bombing operations.

One attacking Messerschmitt was shot down.

Operations by heavy bombers followed during the night.

Air Arm Losses

The aircraft of the Coastal Command and the Fleet Air Arm engaged in reconnaissance and bombing operations on the French and Belgian coasts. They shot down two enemy aircraft and damaged two others. Ten of these aircraft are missing, but the crews of at least three have been rescued.

The bulletin adds that further details of operations in the Sedan area show that medium R.A.F. bombers operating from France, attacked a number of enemy aerodromes, causing extensive fires in hangars and the surrounding buildings. They also successfully bombed supply depots and trains. All the aircraft engaged returned.

Our fighters in the Sedan sector shot down eleven enemy aircraft and damaged three more. —Reuter.

MAY 30 PASSES QUIETLY

(From Our Own Correspondent)
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Shanghai, To-day.

The celebrations marking the May 30 Incident passed off quietly yesterday.

Only outward sign of the occasion was the flying of the Chungking emblem without the yellow pennant instituted by the "Nanking reformed government" above the offices of pro-Japanese Chinese-language newspapers and one gambling den in the western district.

There were no demonstrations and the police stand-by order was cancelled at 10 o'clock last night. —Our Own Correspondent.

YET ONE MORE 'SECRET' WEAPON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Another "secret weapon!" According to Berlin circles, the German air force is now using gliders, towed three at a time by one plane, to effect troop landings; these gliders, when released at a considerable height, can soar for long distances before coming down.

Germany has long been one of the leading glider-countries in the world. —Havas.

ENGLAND'S SIGN-POSTS TO GO

London, To-day.

Instructions have been given to the highway authorities for the removal of sign-posts and direction indications which would be of value to the enemy in case of invasion, stated Sir John Reith, Minister of Transport, in a written reply to a Commons question yesterday. He added the work was put in hand on Wednesday. —Reuter.

COUNCIL OF WAR IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud had a long conference with General Weygand, Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan yesterday, and later conferred with M. Daladier (Foreign Minister) and General Vuillemin, the Air Minister.

Earlier, he received the British Ambassador, in continuance of the close contacts maintained between the Allied Governments.

Since the situation became serious, Mr. Churchill has had three meetings with M. Reynaud, two in Paris and one in London. Besides this, there is constant exchange between Ministers, soldiers and heads of departments. —Reuter.

Confidence in Weygand

London, To-day.

Well-informed British circles state that the British Government is most impressed with the way General Weygand has taken hold of the situation.

There is utmost confidence in his leadership, and it is felt that the French Command has done all that could possibly be done at this stage. —Reuter.

MEMORIAL DAY IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Mr. William Bullitt, American Ambassador, M. Reynaud, the French Premier, and military attaches yesterday laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and attended a special service in the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

The occasion was Memorial Day, when America remembers her war dead.

It was impossible to place wreaths on most of the American cemeteries in France because they are in the war-zone. Symbolic wreaths were laid in the Cathedral. —Havas.

RECRUITING STORY DISPOSED OF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The British Embassy categorically denied that there was any truth in the report appearing in the Japanese daily, "Tairin Shimbu," and published in the Domei Service, stating that the British authorities in Hong Kong were recruiting Chinese coolies in South China to send them to the French front lines. —Havas.

ITALIAN CIRCLES SAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italian circles say that when the German position in Flanders is consolidated they will resume the drive on Paris. —Havas.

B.E.F. MEN TELL GRIM STORIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT WAS DISCLOSED LAST NIGHT THAT SOME OF THE B.E.F. WARRIORS ARRIVED BACK IN ENGLAND FROM FLANDERS TWO DAYS AGO; THEY WERE WITHDRAWN WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY AND LANDED AT A SOUTH-EAST COAST PORT.

Further parties arrived back later; though some were tired after their grim experiences and lack of sleep, all appeared in good heart and waved cheerfully to people looking from their windows.

They told of terrific German losses in the battle for the Channel ports, praised the marked superiority of the R.A.F. and bitterly condemned the machine-gunning of refugees and the bombing of hospitals.

Some of the arrivals had been slightly wounded.

B.E.F. forces arriving from France were stated to be arriving yesterday in thousands at a south coast port.

People living in houses alongside the railway in some of the southern suburbs of London have been watching a stream of troop trains bringing them back.

Through the windows tired soldiers, some with several days growth of beard, were seen sleeping with their heads on the dining tables.

No Dejection

As the men disembarked the crowds at first stood silent to give a sympathetic greeting, but there was no spirit of dejection among the troops.

They were the first to wave cheerfully and were then given a tremendous ovation.

All told the same story—the need for more air help.

Transport organisation worked perfectly and there was a constant stream of vehicles ready to take them to waiting trains.

SOME DEVILISH SURPRISE IN STORE?

London, To-day.

"There may yet be some devilish surprise in store for us," said Sir Neville Bland, British Minister to The Hague, broadcasting last night.

Sir Neville urged that "more and more" steps should be taken to guard against the danger from the German Fifth Column and troop-carrying planes.

He described the troop-carrying planes as a far greater danger than parachutists or Fifth Columnists, and said German troop-carrying planes landed thousands of men and howitzers in Holland.

If the Netherlands authorities had not taken very thorough precautions, thousands more would have been easily landed on their arterial roads and the campaign would have been finished in 24 hours.

He said he didn't want to be alarmist and there was no need for panic, but more and more steps must be taken to provide against this danger.

There were countless places in England where men and guns could be landed.—Reuter.

A few had scarcely any sleep for days. Many had been without food for several days, but when they had fed and drank, they were ready with graphic stories of their ordeal, especially of the terrific incessant bombardment from the air.

But more terrible were their descriptions of the mass murder of refugees by German aeroplanes.

N.C.O.'s Story

An N.C.O. who fought in the last war said: "I never saw anything like the barrage we put up to stem the advance but the Germans advanced right into it. Their losses must have been enormous."

All the time they were being embarked, the troops were bombed and machine-gunned from the air.

Many were still wet from having to swim and waded out to the ships to bring them aboard.

At another centre, Reuter saw officers and men of the Belgian and French armies and naval ratings who also arrived from France.

Simply Hell

"It has been simply hell," they said, "but we have been getting off boys who have stood in the triangle and resisted the worst that the Germans could do to them and, believe me, the Nazis don't love you."

"Our airmen have done magnificent work but it is volume we need. From the minute we reached France we were continually bombed and machine-gunned from the air—hospital ships, troopships, everything."

"When we were hit we swam ashore but when the boat did not go back we swam back again to take her out of the harbour. But she turned turtle and we had to swim again."

"Some of us were swimming for hours and were then picked up by British warships."

Almost Naked

"All of us were almost naked. We have had no food since yesterday and no sleep for three days."

"It was not only British troops we were bringing off but French and Belgians too. The Belgians don't want to give up fighting."

Five Belgian officers in the party said they were astounded when the order came to cease fighting.

"We don't intend to cease fighting on Leopold's order and there are thousands of other Belgian soldiers of the same opinion," declared one.

"The British and French are still making a magnificent show in the north. If only they would give us more planes we could tell the Germans a different story."

"As it is, they have got as much as they have given and we have not been bombing and machine-gunning men in the water."—Reuter.

"MISSING" BULK LARGE IN CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

The names of "missing" troops form a large part of the seventh War Office casualty list issued yesterday.

It includes seven in the Lincolnshires, 41 in the Leicestershires, 21 in the Green Howards, 54 in the Sherwood Foresters, 30 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and 33 in the York and Lancasters.—Reuter.

ORIENT-SIMPLON EXPRESS HELD UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The Hungarian authorities held up the Orient Express from Istanbul and forced the passengers to alight and get into an ordinary train.

No reason for this action is given. An express train also returned to Sofia and passengers there boarded a regular train.—Havas.

JAPANESE RAIDS IN SZECHUEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

TWENTY-SEVEN JAPANESE BOMBERS CIRCLED OVER CHUNGKING YESTERDAY MORNING AND AGAIN BOMBED THE CHENG TU ROAD. IT IS BELIEVED LITTLE DAMAGE WAS DONE; CHUNGKING ITSELF WAS NOT BOMBED.

After five consecutive days of Japanese raids the only result is the bringing of the city's life to a standstill for half of each day.

No military objectives have been hit; a number of private residences were destroyed, one school and two universities badly damaged and many civilians killed.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure remains highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan. Depressions are indicated over the Sea of Japan, Tongking and to the south-east of the Loochoos.

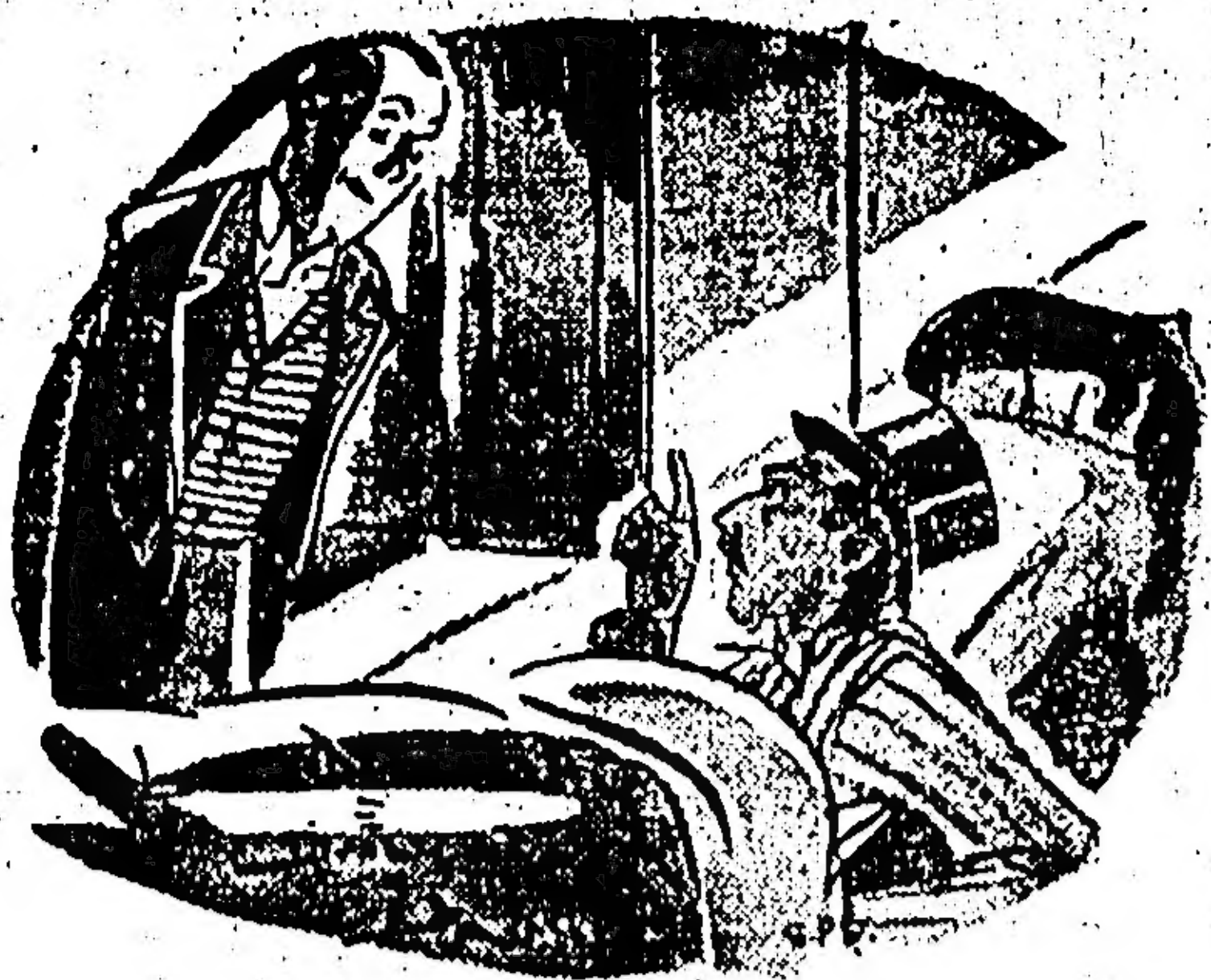
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gentlemen. I succeeded in undressing you, Sir — but you insisted on retaining your silk hat. I understood it was a very valuable one, Sir. Belonged to your great-grandfather."

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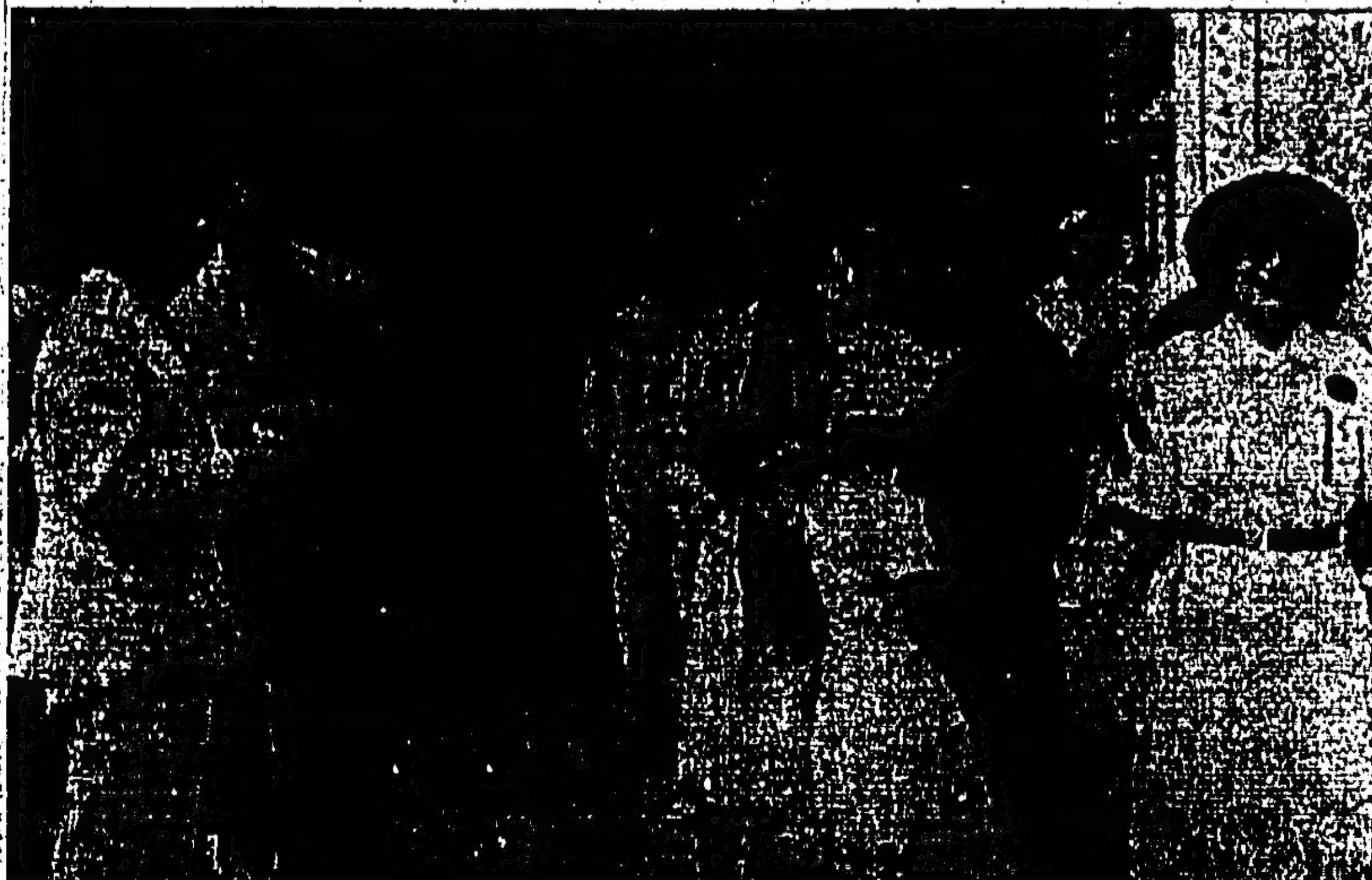
Girl Guides and Brownies arriving at Sandlands Hut where money was collected towards the cost of an air ambulance. Donations are coming from all over the Empire.



Girl Guides of the Central British School arriving at St. John's Cathedral for the Empire Day Service.



Lady Noble receiving contributions at Sandlands Hut from Hong Kong Girl Guides for the air ambulance which is being bought by Guides all over the Empire.



Teachers and students leaving St. John's Cathedral after the Service for young people on Empire Day.

EMERGENCY POWERS

Authority To Suppress The "Daily Worker"

HIGH FRENCH MORALE

London, To-day.

A glowing tribute to the French morale was paid yesterday by a British civil engineer who has just returned from a mission on behalf of the Supply Ministry.

The attitude of the average Frenchman he describes as showing "cold, calm courage" while no-one speaks in any terms but those of victory.

He spoke in high praise of the French air force of which he said: "French airmen are taking the same risks as ours and in proportion are doing the same great work."

The Englishman was in a French business office when the announcement of the Belgian capitulation was made. "It was received with grim silence," he said, "until a young typist exclaimed 'Thumbs up—courage, victory.'"

This attitude, he said, was typical of the spirit of French womanhood, which led many French telephone girls caught in the rush of recent events to stay at their posts until death by aerial bombardment overtook them.—British Wireless.

RAIDED WHILE PLOTTING ROBBERY

SIX PERSONS WHO WERE ARRESTED IN A HOUSE IN CANTON ROAD YESTERDAY, APPEARED BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO ROB.

Accused were Chan Wah, Wong Kwai, Tse Yuk, Chan Yee, Lum Kwai and Pun Tsi-keung.

Chan Wah was further charged with possession of two revolvers and 10 rounds of ammunition.

Inspector A. E. Carey said that they were arrested by the police, acting on information, in the house when they were discussing plans to rob a cattle dealer's house in Reclamation Street. Two revolvers, both loaded, and three daggers were found on the floor; the revolvers were claimed by Chan Wah but no one claimed the daggers. Sixteen coils of wire were also found on the premises.

Four accused were sentenced to six months' hard labour but Tse Yuk and Pun Tsi-keung, who pleaded not guilty, were discharged.

RAIDERS ARE GENTLEMEN — AT LEAST, THESE ONES ARE

A week ago E. G. Pritchard, Ltd., garage proprietors, of Sittingbourne, Kent, advertised:

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Yesterday this advertisement appeared:

"Appreciation. E. G. Pritchard, Ltd., thanks the gentlemen who walked away with the safe and contents for the return of ledgers, records and petrol coupons."

SPEECH BY POPE

Vatican City, To-day.

The Pope is expected to make a speech when he receives Cardinals on Sunday.—Reuter.

Home Secretary Given New Defence Weapon

London, To-day.

NEW EMERGENCY POWERS were put into operation yesterday under which the Home Secretary can suppress seditious publications, seize printing presses, commandeer land and control signalling apparatus, radio receivers in road vehicles, and the supply of uniforms.

Under these powers, the Home Secretary can suppress seditious papers which print material calculated to encourage readers to oppose the successful prosecution of the war. Presses of these papers can be seized, and no suppressed papers may re-appear under another name or under new owners.

The Home Secretary can also authorise the commandeering of land required for the efficient prosecution of the war. This land may be delegated to businesses under the control of the Government and compensation or rent will be paid on terms fixed by the Government.

No unauthorised persons are allowed to have any official uniform or badge, British or foreign. This ruling also covers uniforms and badges which might be mistaken for the real thing.

Anyone wanting to buy a uniform must first prove that he has authority to wear it.

Any apparatus which can transmit signals will be seized if there are grounds for believing that it is being used in a way which might help the enemy; some apparatus might be used unwittingly in this manner, it is pointed out.

Car Radios Banned

In future, cars cannot have radio receivers without the permission of the Postmaster-General, nor can they be wired for receivers.

These new restrictions are welcomed and at the same time individuals and official bodies are offering their services to the Government.

The Royal Automobile Club has placed at the disposal of the Government all its telephone boxes and patrols, which cover every road in Britain.

The conference of Amalgamated Engineering Unions, one of the most powerful unions, has called on all members to give every assistance to the national effort.

Civilian volunteers are being enlisted to help with fires in air raids. Four or five householders in a community are to be taught to use a stirrup handpump, which is particularly useful for dealing with incendiary bombs.

One householder will keep the pump and buckets of water ready in his home.

Volunteers were called for yesterday, and will be trained through local fire brigades. They will assist with much of the work now done by the regular and auxiliary services.—Reuter.

BELGIAN CABINET'S DECREES

Paris, To-day.

The Belgian Cabinet, meeting somewhere in France yesterday, approved the text of two decrees, one of which declared that in view of the fact that Leopold is in the power of the invader, it is impossible for him to reign.—Reuter.

BRITISH CHIEF WOUNDED

General de Wiart, the commander of British forces in Norway, has received slight injuries during a battle. Rome radio reported that Stockholm message.

During an air raid, it was stated this officer, who has lost one eye and one hand and is a seasoned battle veteran, showed great coolness.

Leaving an improvised air raid shelter, he went down into the village with bombs falling all round.

He made for the little general shops which had miraculously escaped damage and returned to the Norwegian civilians in the shelter armed with chocolate.

"This is nothing to bother about," he said reassuringly.

Then, says Reuter, he left the shelter and went outside again.

PEASANT DIET PLEA FOR WAR

A return to the eighteenth century English "peasant's diet" of wholemeal bread, vegetables, milk, cheese and potatoes, was suggested by Dr. J. C. Drummond, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Food, as the basis for the nation's future food plans.

He was opening "The Nation's Larder" series of talks at the Royal Institution, London.

Nutrition experts, said Dr. Drummond, had played a great part in planning the war for Germany, and if Germany could maintain her supplies she would not be beaten on the nutritional front.

There was a good deal of evidence that the German people were not getting that diet. The winter had ruined potatoes and made vegetables scarce.

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HEROIC TRAWLER SKIPPER

Of the many instances of outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty provided by the Norwegian campaign, there will be few to outshine the exploits of some of Britain's small naval trawlers.

In one case, a British naval trawler was kept in action for three hours against German aircraft attacking in waves of up to seven machines.

The captain of this trawler was wounded early in the action, being hit by machine gun bullets and bomb splinters in both hands and both arms, and receiving also a graze on the brow. Yet he did not for one instant relinquish his command, but remained on his tiny bridge, manoeuvring his ship to dodge the salvos of bombs, and exhorting his crew to further efforts at their action stations.

After three hours' battle with the aircraft, the trawler's captain realised his ship was sinking beneath him and his crew. He then beached the vessel in order to save life. It was entirely due to the judgment of the trawler captain throughout the three hours' action, and to his skill in manoeuvring his vessel, that there was no loss of life on board.

Even after having beached his vessel, the captain of the trawler had no intention of giving up the fight with the German aircraft. Orders were given for the portable anti-aircraft armament and ammunition to be taken ashore in order that the action might be continued.

Later, when the aircraft had withdrawn, the captain of the trawler was taken to hospital. Having had his wounds dressed, he refused to stay in hospital, and carried on with his duties with complete disregard of his wounds or his own safety.

PYTHONS EAT AGAIN

Released from wooden boxes in which they had been kept since the outbreak of war, Goliath and Agamemnon, the Zoo's giant pythons, are now thoroughly at home again in their exhibition dens. By constant bathing they have got rid of their old skins, and during the week-end broke their long hunger strike.



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N.Z. TO HAVE SYSTEM OF CONSCRIPTION

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT ON THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AMENDMENT BILL, THE PREMIER, MR. PETER FRASER, SAID IMMEDIATE PROVISION WAS BEING MADE FOR A SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SERVICE.

Mr. Fraser said the country felt that the voluntary system, even if completely successful, did not apply fairly or embody the spirit of service the occasion demanded.

When the compulsory system would be applied would depend on conditions in regard to the forces, the number at present volunteering and the number available in the next few months.—Reuter.

53,000 Volunteers

Wellington, To-day. When the New Zealand Parliament opened yesterday, the Governor-General said that over 53,000 offers had been received for service abroad; 41,600 had been for the army alone. Among those who have joined the Second Expeditionary Force are nine members of the N.Z. Parliament.

There has been great response to the request for contributions to war expenses. The total of loans and donations, to date is £20,000,000—or over £15.0 per head of population.—Reuter.

Loyalty Reaffirmed

Wellington, To-day. New Zealand's adherence and loyalty to the cause of the Allies was reaffirmed in the House of Commons yesterday.

A resolution moved by the Prime Minister and seconded by the Opposition leader declared the firm and determined adherence of the House to the democratic ideals of justice and liberty inspiring the Allied cause and its inflexible resolve to do all within its power to bring the struggle to a victorious conclusion.—Reuter.

INTERNEE CAMP DANGERS

London, To-day.

The possibility of parachutists landing in war prisoners or internees camps was raised at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

One questioner asked whether the Government was satisfied with the location of such camps and what steps were being taken to prevent dangers that may arise.

The Financial Secretary to the War Office, Mr. Richard Law, replied steps were being taken to guard against the danger but it was undesirable to publish any details.—Reuter.

THE NIZAM'S GIFTS

London, To-day. A gift of £50,000 by the Nizam of Hyderabad, towards the maintenance of the two fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. bearing his name is announced.

In October last the Nizam presented the Air Ministry with the sum of £100,000. This was used in the equipment of a new fighter squadron now designated by number and as the Hyderabad Squadron, Royal Air Force.

During the last war a similar gift by the Nizam was used in the equipment of another squadron which still bears the Nizam's name. It is for the maintenance of these two squadrons that the Nizam has now offered a further £50,000.

A message of appreciation has been sent by the King to the Nizam. Sir Archibald Sinclair and the Air Council have also expressed grateful thanks.—British Wireless, 31 May 1940.

FASCISTS ARRESTED IN CANADA

Montreal, To-day.

Adrien Archand, head of the National Unity Party, described as a Fascist organisation, has been arrested. Dr. Noel Decarie, the Party's national treasurer, has also been arrested, says an announcement by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.—Reuter.

AMERICA PREPARES

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt told the press yesterday that the new Defence Commission was ready to begin operating.

Its job would be greater, he said, because developments in the European fighting in the past fortnight necessitated more than doubling America's defence expenditures.

He hoped the full production of war materials would be under way within six months.

His request to Congress to-day raises the immediate defence programme to \$4,300,000,000.

Conditions in the world had changed vastly in a short time, concluded President Roosevelt, presumably referring to the German successes with mechanised troops.—Reuter.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS SUNK

London, To-day.

Two British hospital ships have been sunk by German bombers and two others attacked; it is officially announced. The two that were bombed were at Dieppe.

They were clearly marked with the Red Cross and painted in the usual colours—white and green—so that there is no possibility of a mistake.

The Air Ministry yesterday announced that German bombers attacked a hospital ship in the English Channel on Wednesday night. A British reconnaissance plane of the Coastal Command saw the attack and chased the German bombers into a cloud. One bomb fell very close to the ship, covering it with foam.

Another hospital ship which arrived at the south coast yesterday with BEF wounded on board had its portholes smashed and its funnels peppered with machine-gun fire.

German planes attacked it in a French port on Wednesday while wounded were being taken on board.—Reuter.

CANADIAN WAR VOTE

Ottawa, To-day.

The Canadian House of Commons passed a \$700,000,000 war vote.

The second contingent of the Royal Canadian Air Force has arrived in Britain.

In Montreal, seven Canadian Fascists have been arrested. They are leaders of the National Unity Party, which is ferociously anti-Semitic, among other things.

In Toronto, two more members of this party have been detained.—Reuter.

Flanders Battle As Fierce As Ever THOUSANDS OF TROOPS IN SAFETY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THOUSANDS OF BRITISH TROOPS NOT IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED IN THE DESPERATE ACTIONS NOW BEING FOUGHT IN FLANDERS AS THE REARGUARD B.E.F. DIVISIONS AND THE FRENCH DIVISIONS FIGHT THEIR WAY TO THE COAST, HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN SUCCESSFULLY.

The retreating armies, according to information available last night have now retired to positions which have a south flank running from St. Omer to Cassel and a north flank along the Yser to Dunkirk.

AT CASSEL, THE GERMANS have wormed heavy tank and motorised units ahead, but they have been stopped at the Yser.

IT IS FELT IN PARIS THAT as a result of yesterday's bitter fighting and realignment, the Allied troops in Flanders have been able to regain some of their freedom of manoeuvre.—Havas.

BATTLE NOW RAGING NEAR COAST

London, To-day.

THE MINISTRY OF Information announces that in view of increased German pressure on their northern and southern flank, the B.E.F. and the French forces in the north have been forced to fall back towards the coast, where a battle is now raging.

The operations were carried out with great skill and daring. Troops not immediately engaged have been evacuated with the assistance of the Royal Navy.

This operation is proceeding successfully and a number of troops have already reached Britain.

The withdrawal and evacuation have been screened by the R.A.F. who are constantly engaged with the enemy.

Over 70 enemy aircraft were destroyed and many others damaged.

British troops are operating with the French in the sector south of the Somme.

Fighting At Calais

Meanwhile the War Office announces that last week a small British force was sent to hold Calais and attempt to maintain communication with the B.E.F.

Finding itself unable to carry out the latter task in the face of strong enemy mechanised forces, it concentrated on the defence of Calais.

Despite repeated attacks by the enemy and continuous air and artillery bombardment, the garrison held out for several days.

Invaluable Aid

By their refusal to surrender they were of invaluable assistance to the main body of the B.E.F. in its withdrawal from Dunkirk.

This action will count amongst the most heroic annals of the British Army.—Reuter.

Official Communique

Paris, To-day.

A communique says our troops in the north are fighting incessantly and in good order, and are energetically continuing the execution of movements decided upon by the High Command.

Fighting is progressing favourably on the greater part of the Somme front.

There is no change in the situation on the Aisne and the eastern front.—Reuter.

As Fierce As Ever

London, To-day.

Reports up to late yesterday evening indicated that in Flanders the battle is as fierce as ever, and that the retirement of British and French troops towards the coast at Dunkirk

continues in good order.

The French morning communique spoke of fighting at Yser and Cassel. Yser is parallel with the coast behind Dunkirk and runs from 12 to 20 miles behind that town; Cassel is on the Yser, about 20 miles due south of Dunkirk.

In London, the battle is described as "grim and unceasing, and it must rank as one of the greatest rear-guard actions in military history."

Allied troops are disputing every inch of the ground, undismayed and in close co-operation with the support of the Allied navies and air forces.

Naval and merchant ships are bringing supplies to Dunkirk.

Holding Dunkirk

The Allies, on a narrow front, are still firmly holding Dunkirk, despite heavy German air raids. On Wednesday, the R.A.F. brought down 22 German planes over this one town alone.

The Germans have flung large numbers of men into the battle and have suffered heavy losses.

A French spokesman says that the main effort at present seems to be to try and widen the wedge between the British and French troops in the north by attacking between Cassel and the Yser (or between Dunkirk and Lille, where French forces are driving their way through north-westwards, heavily attacked from the rear and flanks.)

On The Somme

The French front along the Somme and the Aisne to the Maginot Line appears to be quiet.

Substantial British troops are behind this front with the French. They are well equipped with armoured vehicles which can give the German armoured columns a good battering if they turn their attention that way.—Reuter.

German Claim

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency claims that

General Prioux, commanding the First French Army, has been captured at Steenvorde, near Cassel, together with many other high French officers.—Reuter.

President's Message

Paris, To-day.

President Lebrun has addressed the following message to General Blanchard, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied troops in the north:—

"While the French troops under your orders, in full collaboration with the B.E.F. and with the help of the Allied navies, are fighting a battle which will be placed in the foremost ranks of military history, I send them the grateful greetings of the country.

"All Frenchmen unite in expressing to you their warm admiration for the great courage and fierce energy of our soldiers and the new glory with which they are adorning our flags."—Reuter.

Flooding Of Two Zones Brings Respite

Paris, To-day.

French military circles state that the whole area south-west of Dunkirk

has been flooded from the neighbourhood of Gravelines almost of St. Omer.

To the north-east, the waterline stretches from Nieuport to Ypres along the Valley of the Yser over a width of between two and three miles.

During the past 48 hours thousands of tons of water have poured into the region, with each tide flooding depths up to several feet which has made advance impracticable for both infantry and mechanised troops, allowing a much-needed respite to the troops defending "Flanders hill."—Reuter.

Still Holding To Calais

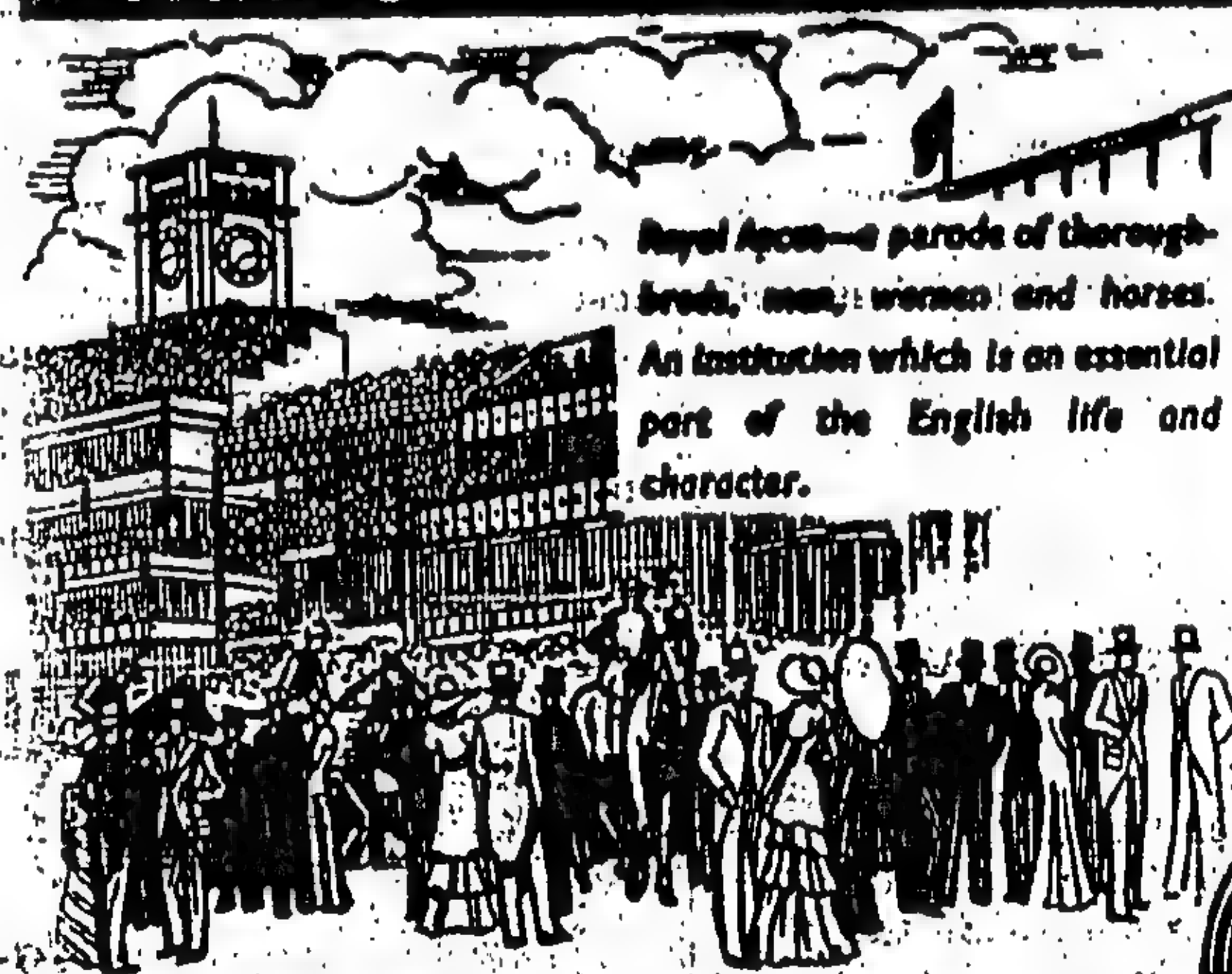
Paris, To-day.

Referring to the invaluable help being given by the French air arm and the R.A.F., the military spokesman yesterday said that so effective had their intervention and that of anti-aircraft batteries been that German airmen had become noticeably more shy.

Their commander seems to have hesitated to continue the old technique of mass dive bombing and machinegunning, regardless of cost, which it adopted.

Further south-west along the coast British and French troops are reported to be still heroically holding on in Calais after several days of ceaseless fighting.—Reuter.

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CAPTURE OF NARVIK

Vivid Description Of Final Attack On Town

French, Poles And Norwegians Close In

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"EYE-WITNESS," TELEGRAPHING FROM "SOMEWHERE IN NORWAY," DESCRIBES HOW IN THE FINAL ATTACK ON NARVIK, WHICH WAS CAPTURED FROM THE GERMANS ON WEDNESDAY AFTER AN ASSAULT LASTING 24 HOURS WHILE BRITISH WARSHIPS SHELLED THE GERMAN POSITIONS, FRENCH, POLISH AND NORWEGIAN TROOPS CLOSED IN ON THE TOWN FROM NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST.

A British fleet was assembled before Narvik on Tuesday and began the bombardment at 10.20 a.m. At 10.45 a.m., French troops in military landing craft crossed the fjord under fire and successfully landed on a headland near Narvik.

They deployed in the hills and attacked through strongly defended wooded country while the British kept up a bombardment of such targets as presented themselves.

Polish troops, similarly protected by the Navy, crossed the hills south of the port and opened a vigorous attack.

Meanwhile the Norwegians were working in from the east.

Occasional Very lights told the Navy of the positions of the Allied forces and barrages were laid down accordingly.

Narvik was finally taken at 11.20 on Wednesday morning.

Bodo Fighting

British forces south of Bodo, 120 miles south of Narvik, who are opposing the northward thrust of the Germans from the Namsos area, kept up magnificent resistance in the best traditions of the British Army.

Scottish, Welsh and Irish regiments were concerned.

The Germans sustained very heavy casualties and are nursing a healthy respect for the British troops.—Reuter.

Bombing Of Bodo

London, To-day.

In the recent heavy bombing of Bodo, although the town was badly damaged, civilian casualties were much lighter than at first thought possible. This was principally due to the gallantry of British rescue parties.

German warplanes set fire to the hospital and machinegunned wounded as they were being evacuated, also putting fire engines out of action.

The behaviour of the Norwegian nurses earned the highest admiration of the British troops.—British Wire-

FRENCH GENERAL IN COMMAND

London, To-day.

It is learned that a French general commanded the Allied troops which captured Narvik.

Several hundred prisoners were taken and those Germans that got away retreated down the railway towards Sweden.

Naval circles in London say that the Germans have once again shown ignorance of sea warfare.

The purpose of the German occupation seemed to be to tie up Allied detachments in Norway which would be needed on the Western Front and then surround and destroy them.

The Allies defeated both plans, because of their control of sea communications which enabled them to land and withdraw at will.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI NOT KEEN ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

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SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME COMES INTO EFFECT THIS EVENING WHEN SHANGHAI CLOCKS WILL BE PUT FORWARD ONE HOUR.

The Customs, it is believed, will not accept the new scheme while banks, brokers and the Stock Exchange have not made up their minds, though it is believed they will make statements this evening.

Public utility companies and most firms announced in the press this morning their intention to adopt the new scheme.

Shanghai sportsmen are rejoicing over the new scheme which was last tried in 1919, when it proved a failure.—Our Own Correspondent.

THIEF CAUGHT IN THE ACT

One month's hard labour was imposed on Leung Wo, 28, unemployed, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing a fountain pen and a wallet, the property of Miss Cheng Tsi-ying, of No. 24, Kennedy Road.

It was stated that at 2.45 a.m. to-day, defendant was caught in the act of stealing the articles from a cubicle. Defendant was also ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

WOMAN INJURED IN TRAM ACCIDENT

A 29-year-old Chinese woman sustained injuries to the back when she alighted from a moving tramcar and fell in Des Voeux Road near Centre Street yesterday. She was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY?

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Shanghai, To-day.

Eight out of the 11 existing gambling dens in the western district are to close to-night upon the orders of the Japanese authorities.

Among them are most luxurious establishments, some of them having been open only a few months.

One of the three dens exempted from the order is reputed to be owned by the brother-in-law of Wang Ching-wel. The den in question is called Yu Yuen and is situated a stone's throw from St. George's.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI CANARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Ministry of Information brands as absolutely untrue German allegations that Nazi airmen and army officers taken prisoner were ill-treated in their concentration camps.

The Ministry also emphasises that even though the French authorities may learn about German ill-treatment of French war prisoners, the French will not adopt similar barbarian tactics.—Hayas.

SEAMEN ACCUSED

Two unemployed seamen, Chu Yung-sang, 31, and Pau Yung-oi, 41, were before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with assault with intent to rob at Wyndham Street yesterday.

They were remanded 72 hours for further enquiries. Detective Inspector O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

SOVIET AND ITALY BREAK CONTACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED RECENTLY BETWEEN MOSCOW AND ROME THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF GERMANY. THE NOUVELLE GAZETTE DE ZURICH ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The paper said that Italy asked Russia to give an assurance that she would not intervene in the Mediterranean should Italy be engaged in parts of that sea.

The contact was broken off when the Italian press started to discuss the Dardanelles question.

Moscow stressed that Italy should not have interest in this problem while Russia is very much concerned and must take steps to safeguard her interests in the event of extension of the European conflict in this region.—Hayas.

LORD FREDERICK CAMBRIDGE KILLED

London, To-day.

Lord Frederick Cambridge, who has been reported "missing" in France, is now known to have been killed in action. He was a cousin of the King and brother and heir to the Marquis of Cambridge, who is also in service in France.—Reuter.

FRENCH CALL UP 1920 CLASS

London, To-day.

According to a French wireless announcement, France has just called up all men born between October 1, 1919, and March 31, 1920.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Hiring a motor-boat from the Jordan Road wharf yesterday, a 36-year-old Chinese woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. She was rescued by a seaman employed on the boat.

UNIFICATION OUT OF WAR STRESSES

London, To-day.

SPEAKING AT A CROWDED and enthusiastic meeting in the Isle of Thanet, which is one of the districts recently made the subject of special protective measures, the Under-Secretary for Air spoke of the unity of the country in the face of the present danger.

The present Government, he said, was wanted by the country, and he described as a token of insignificant past differences that those hitherto political opponents were now working in concert and harmony as colleagues.

Freedom, he said, had been given by the British people to the State in order that it be returned unimpaired and secured by the overthrow of those threatening it.

"Perhaps we needed some tremendous upheaval in our lives like this trial to bind us together as one community instead of all us leading sectional lives.

Perhaps we needed the war to make us simple and purge us of prejudices and over-developed material ambitions.

It is a wonder whether this country has ever been more united than on Sunday morning, when we had a Day of National Prayer and millions of citizens, led by the King, prayed that we may have help to survive the dangers that surround us and wisdom in remaking the world when we have emerged from our ordeal.—British Wireless.

TEA MERCHANT FINED

Chow Cho-yui, alias Charles H. Chow, described as a tea merchant, residing in the Gloucester Hotel, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations on May 27.

A code book was found in defendant's possession in room No. 723, Gloucester Hotel.

He was fined \$25.

FOUND HANGING

Found hanging from a tree near the Pak Sha Wan Fort, the body of a Chinese was removed to the Public Mortuary yesterday.

News Snack Bar

HITLER THROWS AWAY LIVES

By VERNON BARTLETT

London, May 17.

THE UTTER DISREGARD for German lives shown by the German General Staff in its present desperate push has to some extent taken the Allies by surprise.

Just as the parachutists are dropped like bundles from aeroplanes and are then left to fend for themselves, so the German tanks have been thrown forward without any of the normal precautions to secure their supplies.



"Evening News" London
"No, Private Irving! You may have been an actor in civil life, but that isn't quite the idea."

Hero Pawned His Medals

Sir Edward Meyerstein, chairman of the Sevenoaks (Kent) magistrates, is to help a homeless ex-soldier to get back the D.C.M. and M.M. medals he had pawned for 7s. because he could not get work. This was announced in court when Albert Edward Chew was discharged on a drink charge.

100-Year-Old

Cross Bun

Heirloom of the Silverlock family of Bulkington-avenue, Worthing (Sussex), is a hot-cross bun which is 100 years old.

It was one of a batch baked by Miss W. Silverlock's great-grandmother and sent to her son in China. He ate all but this one, which he brought home.

Towel Kills A Man

The placing of a towel over a water heater to dry caused the death of a man when he went to have a bath.

At the inquest yesterday it was stated that the towel would cause incomplete combustion and allow gas to escape.

The man was John Lee, of East-bou-ne-road, Tottenham, N. A. verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Lawyers In Court Fight

'Very Poor'

When two lawyers, during a heated trial at Dallas, Texas, threatened to punch each other on the nose, the Judge put the Court into recess and told them to go ahead.

The lawyers fought furiously for some minutes.

Then the Judge sent them home, remarking: "Very poor fight."—Associated Press.

Technical Language

"He was half canted," said a woman in the Divorce Court.

"I understand the phrase is a technical one," said counsel.

Hitler has done away with the traditional theory that an army marches on its stomach.

MAGINOT FORTS

Two months ago, after a visit to the Maginot Line, I described how the various forts make a zig-zag like the teeth of a saw running north and south parallel with the frontier. The guns are intended to close every gap between the forts so that even if a few tanks might force their way through the infantry could not follow them.

It is probable that the Allies have underestimated the extent to which infantry can, in fact, follow close behind the tanks and thus give adequate support to the first attack of the mechanised army.

This policy of driving ahead between the forts without waiting to disarm or destroy them has, however, great and obvious dangers for the Germans unless they can very rapidly widen the wedge they are seeking to drive through the Allied defences.

R.A.F. BOMBING

The R.A.F. raid on Wednesday night over Germany marks a new stage in the war. Hitherto bombing has been reserved for enemy air bases or troop concentrations on neutral territory.

It appears now to have been decided that roads, railways and, above all, bridges which facilitate the supply of German reinforcements for their attacking army must be destroyed. The raid was remarkably successful and will have helped to lessen the violence of the Nazi drive.

I understand that German parachutists are landing in many places in France.

Most of them are mere boys, and their orders are to destroy as many lives as they can at whatever cost to themselves.

Their arrival lends colour to the Ribbentrop theory that Paris must be captured so that Hitler can proclaim his terms for Europe, after which he can set out on the conquest of Britain.

Parisians, however, are not likely to allow Ribbentrop's theories to be put into practice.

Red Tape Wastes Paper

Economy of paper by Government departments by writing on both sides, using single spacing and avoiding unnecessary margins and florid terms of address are suggested in a question Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons. Stour-bridge) is to ask in the Commons.

Police Board Liner

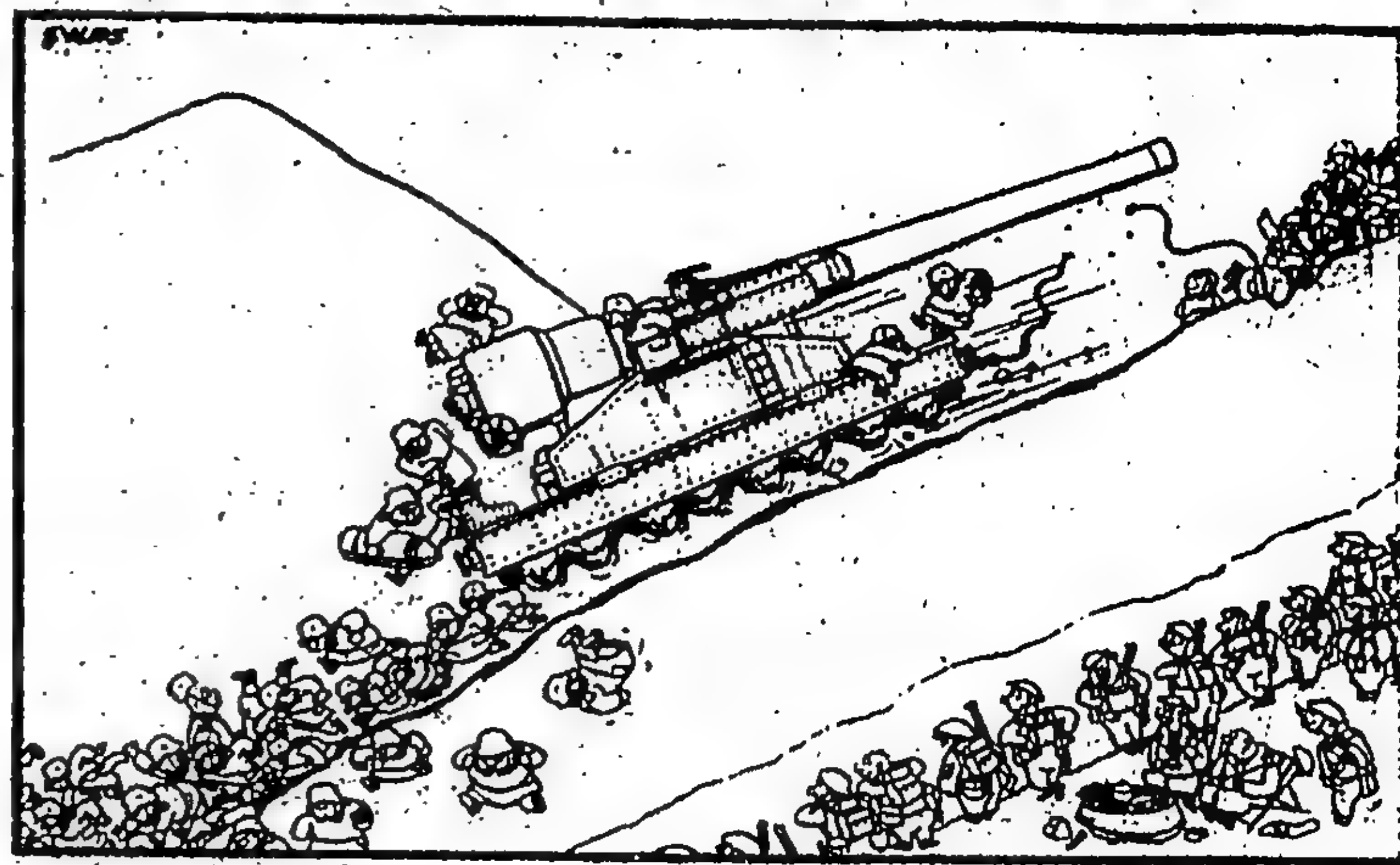
Police officers boarded the 3,000-ton Italian steamer Petrarca, lying at anchor off the south-east coast, to investigate the discovery recently of the body of a young sailor several miles out to sea.

The body, though only scantily clad, was wearing a lifejacket. It had been in the water about 20 hours.

Man of Old Iron

The German public have been sending their gifts of old iron direct to Hitler's Chancellery.

Deutschlandsender asked them to stop it, "as this disturbs the work of the Chancellery." They are asked to deliver their gifts for the Fuehrer at the collecting places.



"Tch! Tch!—There She Goes Again!"

The Conchie

A British prisoner-of-war, offered a chance to broadcast to England, refused on the ground that he did not want to assist the enemy, according to Hamburg radio quoted by Reuter.

The man's name was not given. The German announcer called him a "conscientious objector."

Want To Seize

Normandie

According to the official German News Agency, 103 American firms have applied for the seizure of the French liner Normandie in settlement of outstanding debts amounting to £280,000.

Following His Father

Cyprian Henry Harwood, thirteen-year-old elder son of Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, victor of the Graf Spee battle, has passed into the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

The Harwood family live at Worthing, Sussex.

University Nazified

Cracow University, oldest university in Poland, which was founded in 1364 by Casimir the Great, has been converted by the Nazis into "an institute for German work in the East," states the Polish news agency.—Reuter.

Collar And Tie For The

Soldier On Leave—M.P.

Permission for soldiers on leave to wear a collar and tie with the open neck of their battle dress as "a concession to the desire for a freshening of dress" is suggested by an M.P.

He is Mr. A. Woodburn (Soc. Clack-mannan), who is to ask the War Minister about it in the Commons.

Princess In A Fix

During a visit to a Y.M.C.A. canteen at Rugeley the Princess Royal volunteered to serve behind the counter. Her first customer caused her a certain amount of embarrassment.

A young airman tendered a 10s. note for a small packet of cigarettes. It was with some difficulty that the Princess got enough change out of the till, to the amusement of a large number of spectators.

Born On Same Date, Now

Have Babies Together

Sisters who were born on the same date have both given birth to a daughter on the same day.

They are Mrs. Ruby Nankivell, twenty-four, of Hartop-road, Torquay, and Mrs. Cecilia Westlake, twenty-one, of Westbourne-road.

They married within twelve months of each other and each had baby boys.

'Pope May Tour' Report

A Vatican source stated that the Pope might visit pontifical sanctuaries in European countries outside Italy this summer, if the international situation should permit.—Associated Press.

£195 From Matches

Mr. Wheatley, a life-governor of the National Temperance Hospital, London, has raised £195 in fifteen years by selling matches for the hospital.

The Poilus Replied

Paris, April 15. In a series of broadcasts, through loudspeakers, across the Rhine the Germans tried to convince French troops in the Maginot Line yesterday that Germany is doing well in Norway.

Banners and placards were also hoisted, giving fake details of the operations in Norway. The French replied with machine-gun fire.



"A crimp in summer travel plans." (Chicago Daily News).

Belisha's Health Trip

Mr. Hore-Belisha, who has been suffering from gastric influenza, is going away for a few weeks "for a complete change."

Moscow's Denial

London, April 15. Moscow radio station denied last night that the German Ambassador in Moscow, Count von der Schulenburg, had asked Molotov to allow Germany to use the port of Murmansk and the Leningrad-Murmansk railway.

Danish Ferry Damaged

By Explosion

London, April 16. A Danish railway ferry boat plying across the Great Belt from Nyborg to Korsor, was damaged by an explosion on Sunday afternoon, according to the Finnish wireless (quoted by Reuter). There were no casualties, it was stated, and the ferry was brought into Korsor Harbour.



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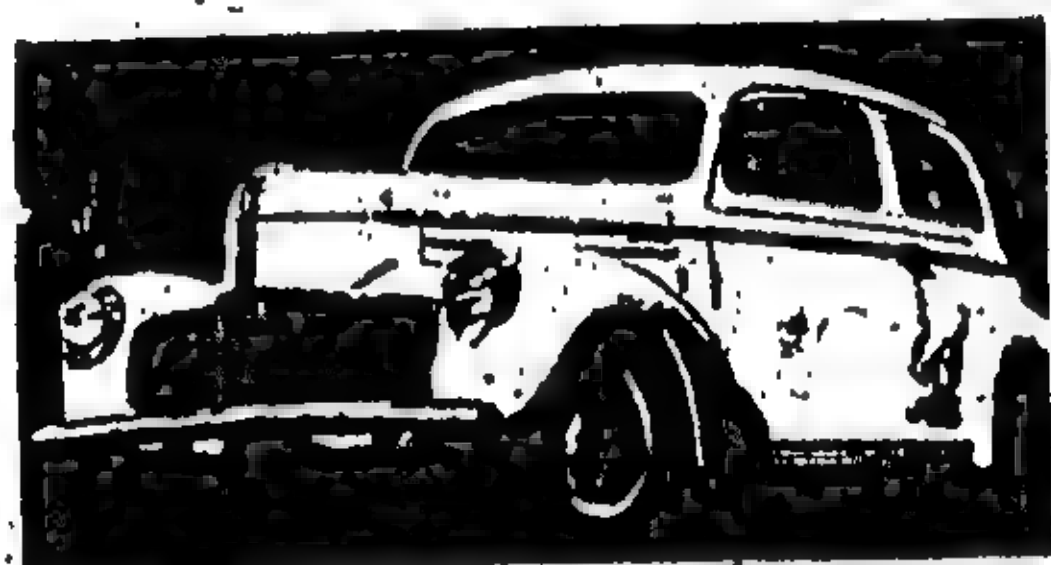
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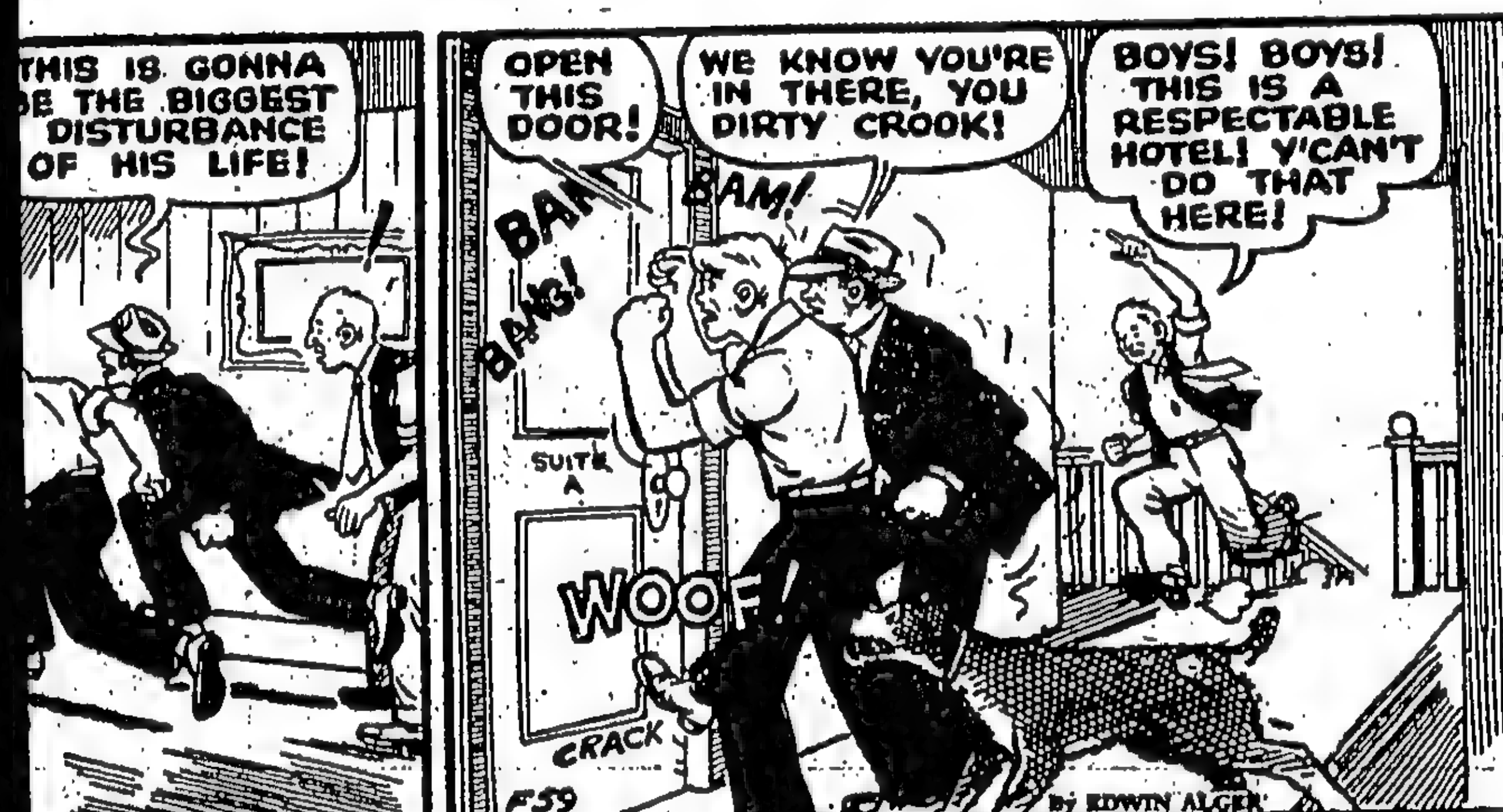
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SHORT STORY

VITAMINS

By T. Thompson

"It's a quare thing to me how these doctors an' experts con change their minds," said Alf Higson.

"What's biting thee now?" asked Mary, his wife.

"Well," said Alf, "it's like this 'ere. Tha remembers as when Ah started developin' this bay window in front on me th' doctor towed me to gi' o'er eatin' taters."

"Ah towed thee that too," said Mary. "Ah said tha'd ha' to eat less or brast."

"Aye," said Alf, "but tha't not a expert."

"Ah like that," said Mary. "It's me as has to put th' pon on."

"Ah'm not sayin' owt derogatory about thi cookin'," said Alf. "Far fro' it. Ah think tha could mak' a square meal out o' a pair o' owd shoes. But tha doesn't know owt about vitamins an' that soart o' damned catty-watty. Tha't not a expert in them things."

"It's happen a good job for thee as Ah'm not," said Mary. "Billy Gregson an' his wife are full up wi' that dietin' muckment, an' he looks like a frozen mop."

"Let me get on wi' me tale," said Alf. "Here's a doctor in th' papper sayin' as how spuds ain't fattenin'."

What Ah wor gooin' to say is: "..... it's quare how they con change their minds when they want us to do owt."

"Ah could ha' towed thee that," said Mary. "Afore th' last war we couldn't live bout so many cubic feet o' air space in a room, an' when it wor o'er it wor reet if we could manage to thrutch in one at a time."

"That's what Ah mean," said Alf. "It's codology. But what do they want puttin' it in th' papper? If it's in th' papper it owt to be reet. There owt not to be ony codology in th' papper."

"Ah never read nowt in th' papper," said Mary, "nobbut th' advertisements an' th' weddin's an' buryin's."

"There's th' racin'," said Alf "an' the footbo'."

"Ah like to know what folks is sayin'," said Alf. "If Ah hadn't read it in th' papper Ah shouldn't ha' known owt about them vitamins."

"Tha'd ha' known as much about

'em as did Methuselum, an' he put up a good feight," said Mary.

"He might ha' been livin' if he'd had a toothri B an' C vitamins peppered in his cowheel pie."

"Ah dar' say," said Mary, "but Ah reckon there's nowt worth livin' for when tha't freetened o' thi vickles."

"There's summat in that," said Alf, "but Ah think sometimes as we eat a bit too mich."

"Thee speak for thisel," said Mary.

"There's some vickles as welly puts thee to sleep," said Alf, "an' some as mak's thee feel like one o' them theer barrage balloons."

"If tha watches a dog," said Mary, "it eats as mich as it con howd, an' then it curls up an' sleeps it off."

"It doesn't ha' to work for a foreman like me," said Alf.

"That's nature," said Mary. "Everybody should have a nap after a meal. Ah'd sooner have a nap nor o' them vitamins as tha talks about."

"If we wor livin' in a perfect world," said Alf sentimentally, "tha'd be o' reet. But we're not."

"Ah'm fain tha's noticed it," said Mary.

"We eat too many fal-de-lais in these days," said Alf. "Cream buns an' trifles. Milliner's meat. Gimme summat as has looked o'er a gate."

"Ah like a bit o' pepper an' sawt misel," said Mary.

"Mind thee," said Alf, "Ah've no objection to them vitamins if they keep their place. If there's vitamins in a beef bo' it'll be reet to me."

"Ah'm not objectin' to 'em misel'," said Mary. "Live an' let live. But Ah reckon there's summat wrong wi' a good dinner if tha has to use a ready reckoner before tha cooks it."

"There's summat wrong wi' it," said Alf, "if tha has to use a hot-watter bottle after tha's etten it."

"Both me gron'feythor an' me gron'mother lived to be o'er eighty," said Mary, "an' they wouldn't ha' known if they'd met it."

"Me gron'feythor lived to be ninety," said Alf, "an' he drunk himsel' gawmless."

"Ah think yo' want to tak' care o' yo'resel's," said Mary.

"Oh, aye," admitted Alf, "there's reason in everything. He knew it'd kill him in time."

"There's a lot in a good foundation," said Mary.

"Ah'm wi' thee theer," said Alf. "They never thowt they'd rear me. Me mother allus said Ah looked a poor thing when Ah wor born. Ah dunnot know what Ah should ha' looked like now if hoo'd had to measure me ration out like they do now. So mich orange juice an' clock on at reg'lar intervals for me four tayspoons o' billed milk. Accordin' to th' rules they killed me twenty times o'er."

"There must ha' been summat tough in thee, lad," said Mary with a smile.

"There wor," said Alf. "It's surprisin' what ignorance we con stond. When tha reckons it up, there wor them theer Vikin's, an' them theer Romans, an' them theer Huns. Not a damn one on 'em knew owt about vitamins or th' proper rules o' livin'."

Did they sit down an' weep about it. Not they, lass. They supped an' fowt an' played 'ell wi' th' world. Tha sees if tha doesn't know as a thing is harmful it doesn't seem to hurt thee mich. When thi gron'mother said a thing wor nourishin' happen hoo meant it wor full o' vitamin B or C an' hoo didn't know it."

"Ah wouldn't care if they settle down to one thing an' stick to it," said Mary.

"Ah reads statistics," said Alf. "All th' statistics in th' world con not make me believe as taters make thee fat at one time an' dunnot at another," said Mary.

"So which road it is," said Alf, "Ah'm prepared to put up wi' it. Is th' dinner ready?"

"Aye," said Mary. "Baked ribs o' beef an' roast taters."

"Board 'em," said Alf, gleefully. "Ah'll tackle 'em if they kil me. There's nowt like deatin' in a good cause."

POSTMARK—BERLIN

The Parkway lights blossomed like tall tulips on straight black stalks. Elsa walked briskly to keep warm. Her hands were harsh and dry from scrubbing Mrs. Eisenberger's dirty floors; and now the cold made her fingers sting and burn.

Before she turned down the narrow little street where she lived Elsa looked up at the big museum building at the end of the Parkway. Again to-night she was too tired to bother, but as usual she promised herself that she would spend some of her lonely evenings wandering through the wide halls.

Before Hans had gone back from the United States to visit his people in Berlin they had talked of it often and had somehow been too busy. If only now she were not so tired! There was little enough for her at her flat. All day she could work hard and forget that Hans had not been allowed to leave Germany because he was still a German. But at night she faced the empty hours and the fear she dared not acknowledge. Already it seemed so long since he had gone. How many meaningless days lay ahead still she dared not even guess.

She turned into her tidy little yard and went up the steps. As she opened the door to the small, lighted hall she met a tall, thin-faced woman.

"Why, Johanna!" Elsa cried in surprise. "Were you waiting for me?"

"Oh, Elsa! I didn't think you were coming. I had to get away from Carl for a while," she wailed. "He's so mad with me. I think he hates me."

"Oh, nonsense, Johanna! He's just worried. It's hard on a man to be out of work long."

"Ach! But he says he was dumb to stay here. He says he should have gone home with Hans." Johanna looked at her old friend pleadingly. "You know I didn't make him stay."

"Come up and have a cup of coffee with me. I'm tired. Mrs. Eisenberger may be rich, but she saves a week's dirt for me to clean. I thought I'd never be done to-day."

Elsa flipped open the mail box, her heart quivering as she saw the envelope, postmarked Berlin. It had been a long time coming. It was creased and soiled. It had been opened and sealed again with a gummed strip. Long ago she had forgotten her first resentment that a wife should be the last to read her own husband's letters. Now she was glad to receive any assurance that Hans was well.

The two women went upstairs, and Elsa laid the letter on the table. Her fingers ached to open it, but first she lit the fire under the pot on the back of the old stove.

They took off their hats and coats. Johanna crumpled down into the rocking-chair wearily.

"You're good, Elsa, and kind. I shouldn't bring you my troubles."

"And why not? We were friends even in school." Elsa poured out Johanna's coffee, then her own. She put canned milk in a pitcher and two metal spoons and a china sugar bowl on the table beside Johanna's cup. Then at last she took up the letter and pulled her chair to the light.

"Carl has found nothing yet?" she questioned, her mind only half on her words. She opened the envelope and spread the thin sheets on her knee.

"Nothing," Johanna replied dully. "Ach, read your letter, Elsa."

Elsa read quickly for a moment. "Hans is well," she said in relief. "Here I'll read you what he says: 'Mein liebe frau, I write you from our beautiful city. I could wish that you were here beside me. I am well.'"

"You will have read by now many things that may have caused you worry. We all know how the lying democracies have twisted the good words of our Leader. I say to you, my little wife, be calm and know that there will soon be an end of all this sorrow."

"I saw our cousin Stephan yesterday. How fine and brave he and his tall sons look in their brown shirts. Their jolly mother, his wife, has gone away for an unexpected visit with friends. Stephan has changed since you knew him. Now he is a true German hero, and all look up to him. It

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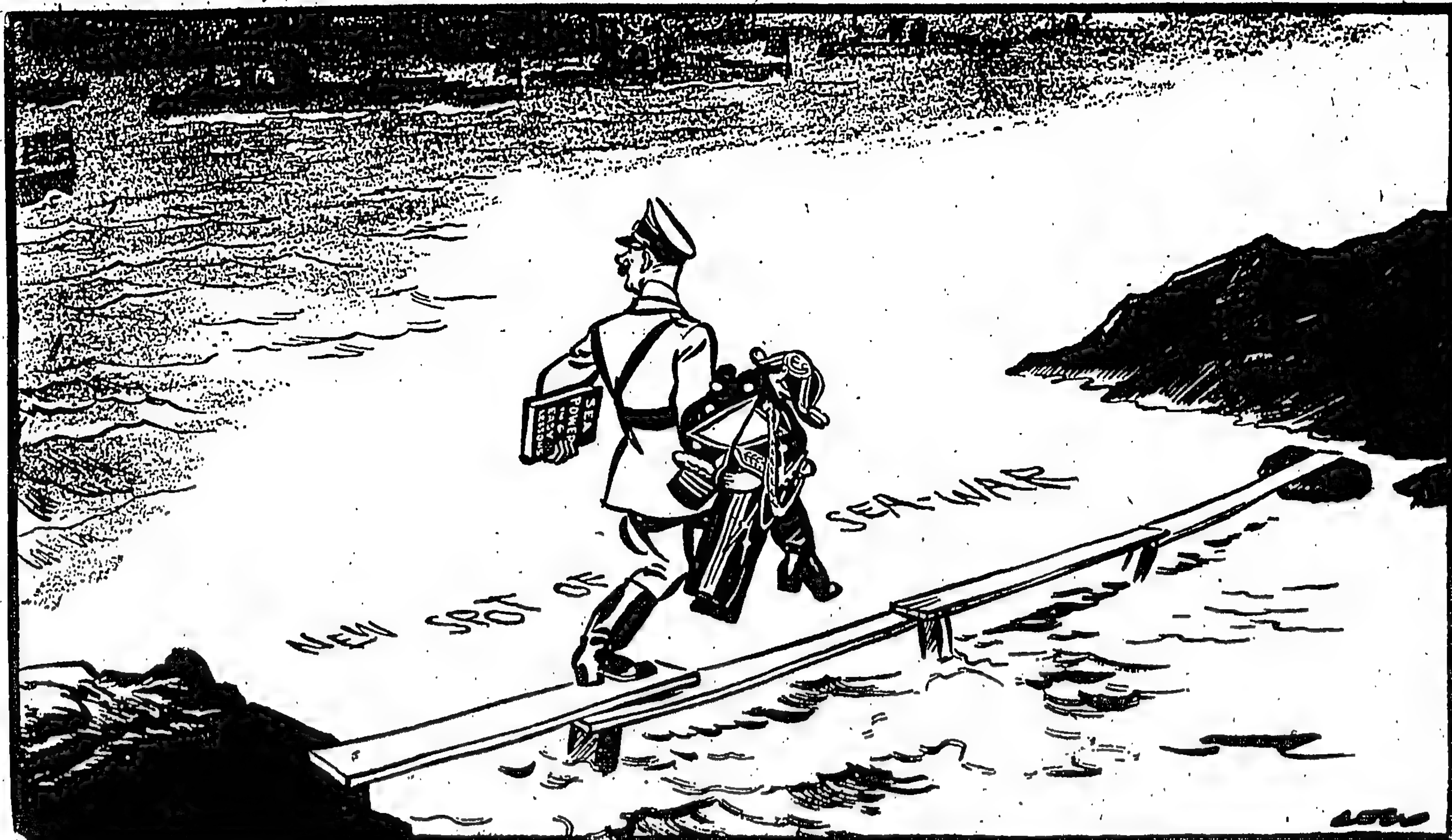
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ATTEMPTS TO LAND Nazi spies in Great Britain from enemy bombers have become known.

Suspicious of the authorities were aroused when recently the crew of a four-seater Nazi bomber shot down over the coast was found to number five.

The fifth German was evidently not an airman. He spoke English without effort and could have passed scrutiny in an average crowd of Britons.

The difficulty of landing anyone undetected in Britain would not be insuperable, although attended by many dangers. Less likely to be successful would be a surprise attack by parachutists armed with automatic rifles and equipment for a short campaign.

Steps were taken at the outbreak of war to anticipate such a move, and armed detachments are dispersed over the country to guard against it.

BOUND TO FAIL

In the lonely moorland villages squads of men can easily be linked up to make a strong force to repel any raiders, whose numbers would necessarily be limited by the numbers of transport planes able to pierce the outer ring of Britain's air defence.

"Air invasion, as practised with limited success in Finland and Norway, would be bound to fail in this country," an A.R.P. official told a reporter. A sufficient concentration of forces could be quickly mustered to cope with the parachutist invaders.

"No, there is no need to worry."

AIRMAN DIVES TO GIVE TOWN WARNING OF FIRE

An R.A.F. pilot was over a town in Oxfordshire when he noticed a fire. Diving down his engine roared over cottages to give the first alarm.

Awakened by the noise, people hurried from their beds to find a timber yard ablaze. The fire raged all night and damaged a doctor's house and cottages.

But the pilot's early warning allowed fire brigades to stop a 500-gallon petrol tank being exploded.

PLAN TO SHIP U.S. TROOPS

America's War Department has perfected plans for the transportation of United States troops from New York Harbour to Europe or elsewhere.

This disclosure was made by Mr. George Randall, head of the general committee of port traffic on the Association of American Railways, at a hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York.

Mr. Randall said that plans had been perfected for the "possible transportation of troops."

The subject was dropped quickly because it had no direct bearing on the matter under discussion.

Remarking that it was the confidential property of the War Department, Mr. Randall afterwards refused to amplify his statement. — Associated Press.

POSTMARK-BERLIN

(Continued from Page 16) is strange to think of all the men in America idling."

Elsa glanced quickly at Johanna's pale, unhappy face, and her voice faltered.

"Go on, Elsa, it doesn't matter. Go on."

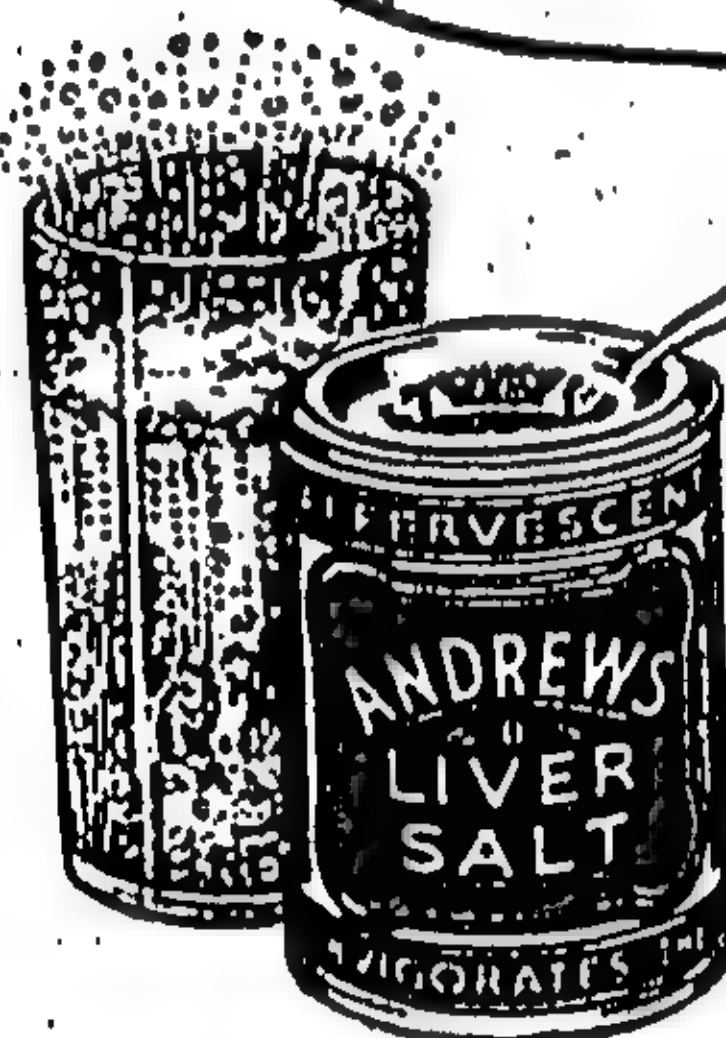
"There is so much here for everyone," Elsa continued. "There is only one of all our friends I envy. Hilda—she is very well off."

Elsa stopped abruptly, her face growing as old and pinched as Johanna's. She looked again at the letter, unbelievably.

"No, Hans, no," she whispered. She clutched Johanna's arm. "Du liebe Gott! Hilda has been dead five years!" Winifred G. Malschoss.

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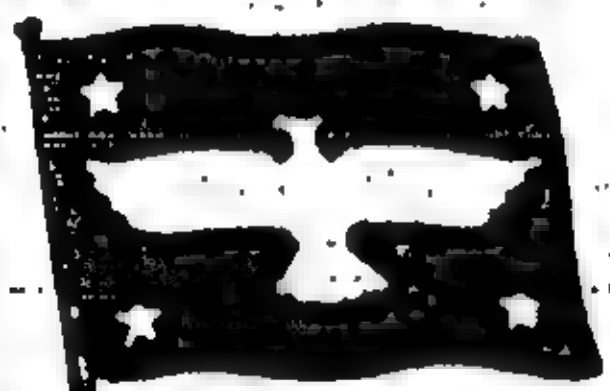
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An action picture taken during the Baseball match between Chung Hwa and the H.K. Baseball Club.

NEW ZEALAND EVACUATION OFFER

Wellington, To-day.

A petition signed by the Mayor of Napier and 26 others has been presented to the Commons suggesting that the New Zealand Government advise the British Government they will offer hospitality and if necessary adoption and permanent homes for 25,000 British school-children as soon as the transfer can be arranged.—Reuter.

MALAYA WAR FUND

Singapore, To-day.

An unofficial "War Fund" has been opened in Malaya to provide for a £250,000 bomber squadron and munitions. Within three hours, £80,000 was subscribed.—Reuter.

INDUSTRY'S NEEDS

London, To-day.

The importance of industrial production in the national effort for which the present crisis calls was indicated in the Commons yesterday when the Parliamentary Secretary of Labour announced that the number of men released from the army for return to essential industries was equivalent to two divisions.—British Wireless.

ON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities improved on the Stock Exchange yesterday but other groups eased on Sir Kingsley Wood's Commons speech indicating possible further increase in taxation. Kaffirs were depressed by Cape offerings.

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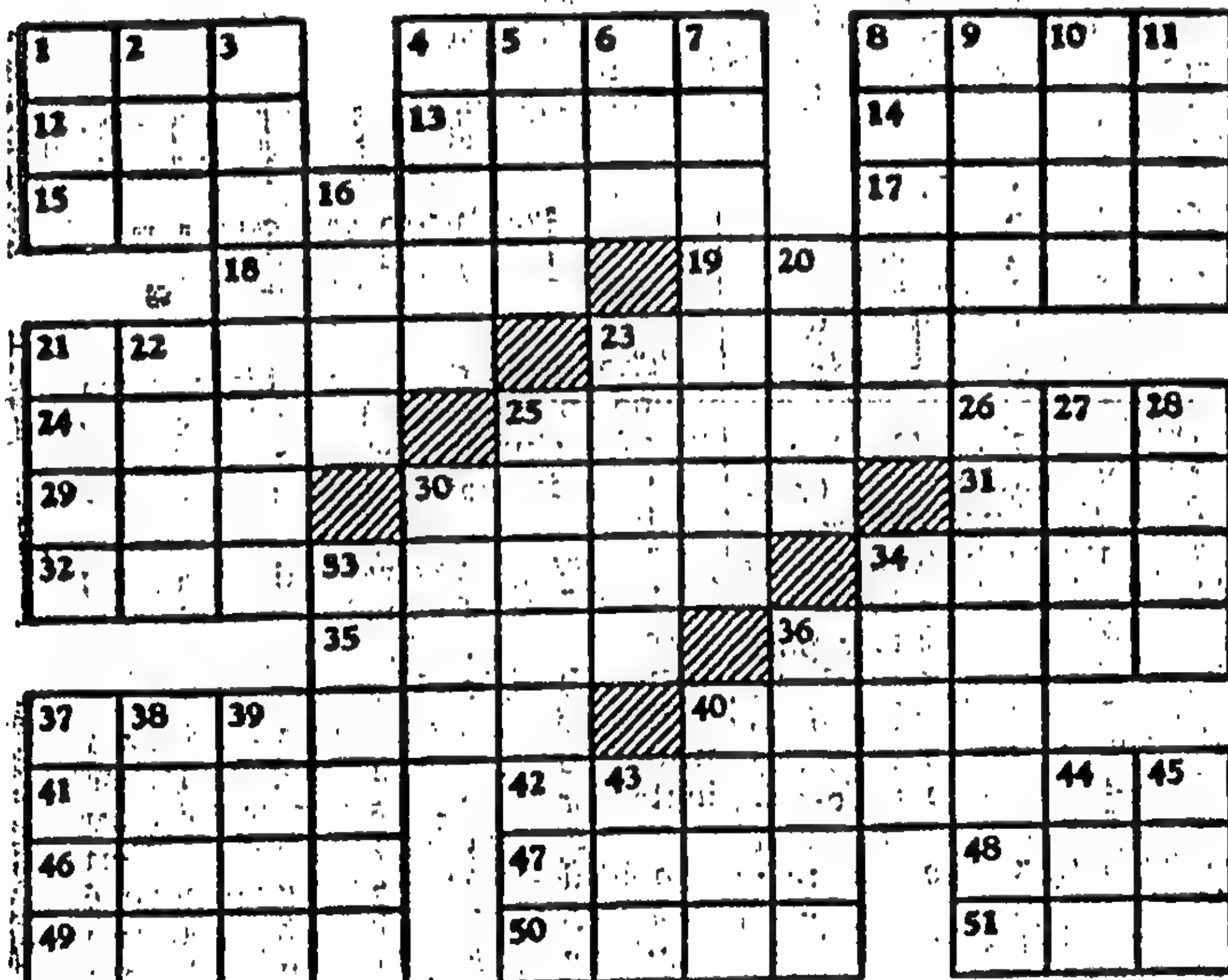
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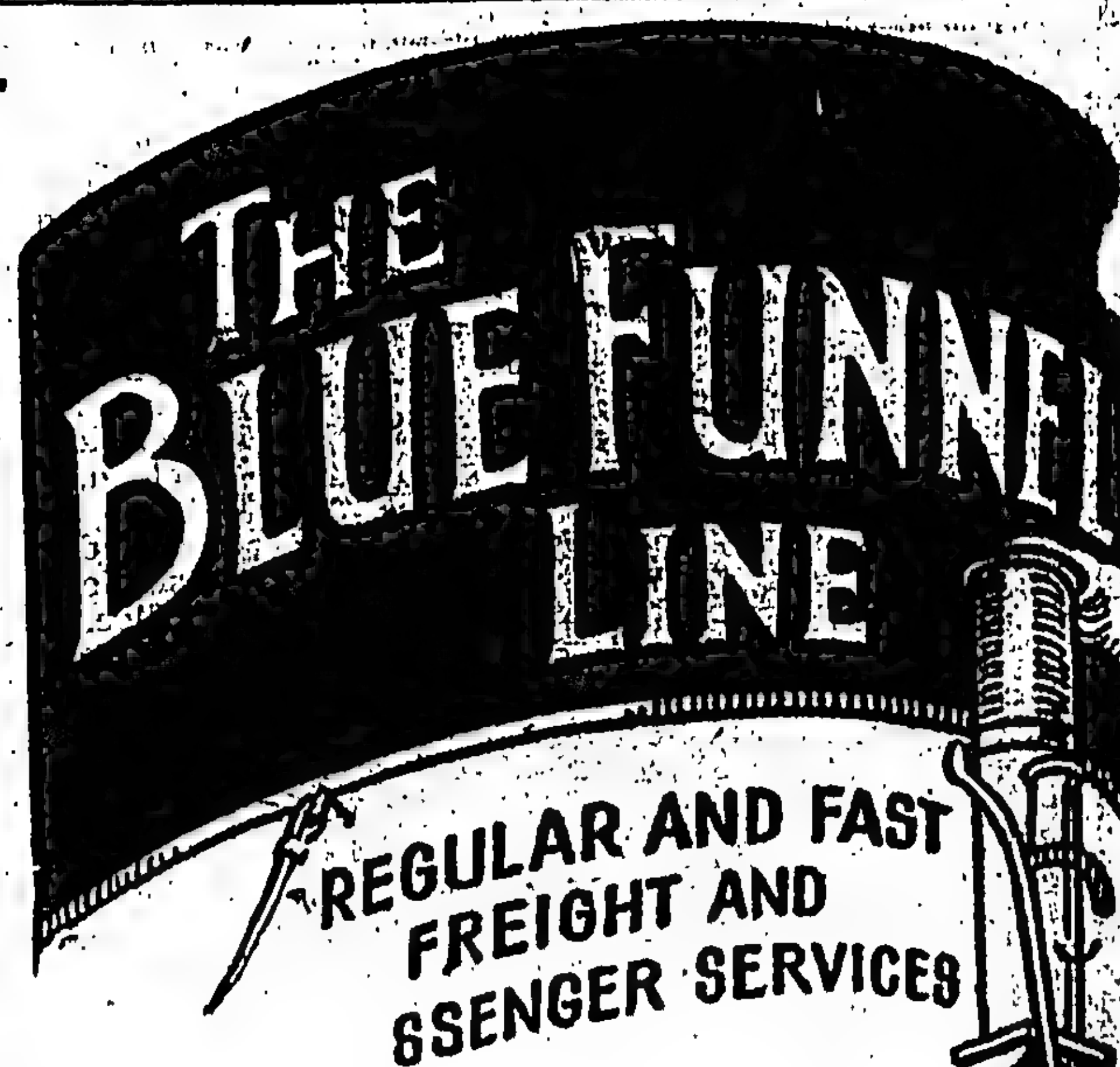
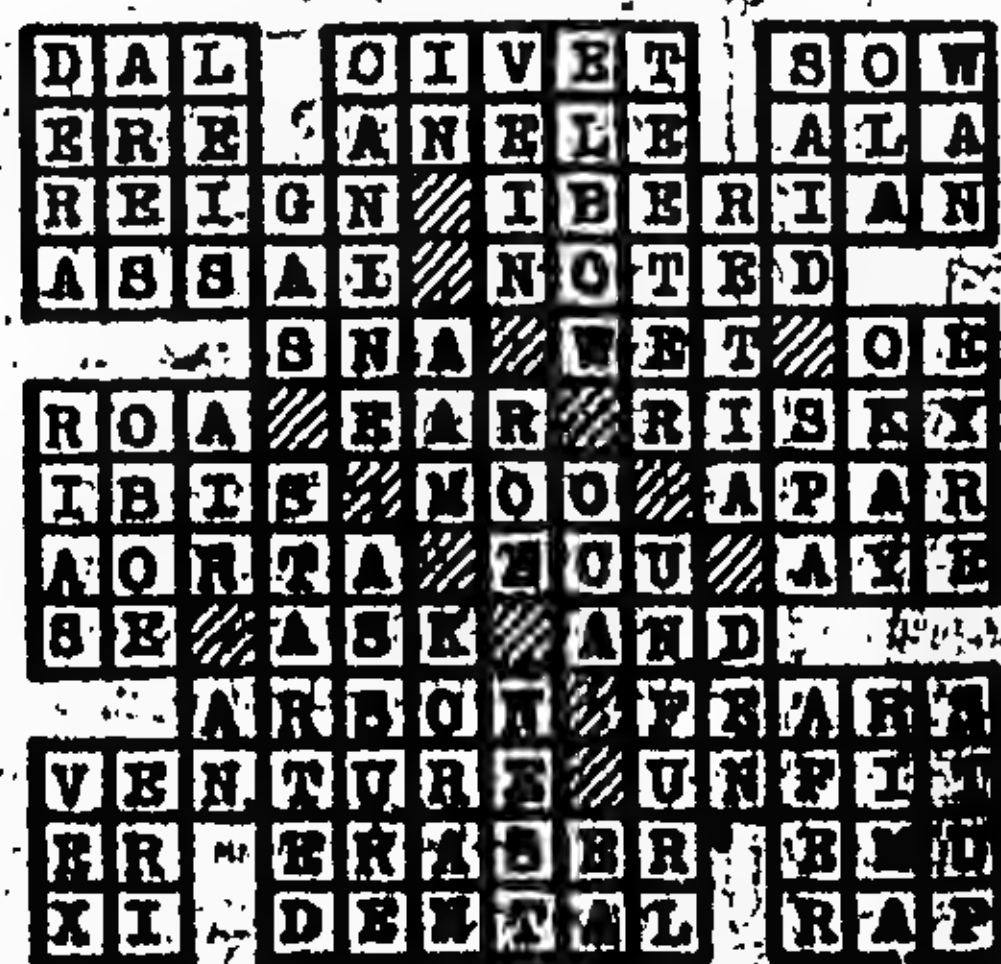
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Poem
- 4 Dross
- 8 To recite metrically
- 12 To hasten
- 13 To skin
- 14 To sharpen
- 15 Surname
- 17 Islands
- 18 Jot
- 19 Birds of prey
- 21 Serfs
- 23 Neat
- 24 Lively dance
- 25 Destruction of organic material
- 29 Danish coin
- 30 Additional grant
- 31 Anger
- 32 Treacherous persons
- 34 Dark
- 35 Youths
- 36 Limitation
- 37 Outcries
- 40 Ember

VERTICAL

- 1 Grampus
- 2 Music: instrumental duet
- 3 To manage
- 4 Stains
- 5 Tibetan priest
- 6 Part of "to be"
- 7 Magnanimous
- 8 Unkempt
- 9 Series of rings
- 10 Prefix: before
- 11 Headland
- 16 Christmas carol
- 20 Is sick
- 21 God of love
- 22 To wither
- 23 Tinges
- 25 One who becomes surety for another
- 26 Hissing
- 27 Golf club
- 28 Dispatched
- 30 To thrash
- 33 Preened
- 34 French for "state"
- 36 Muddles
- 37 To feign
- 38 Sound
- 39 Pertaining to the mouth
- 40 Football: to block illegally
- 43 Babylonian war god
- 44 Born
- 45 Craggy hill

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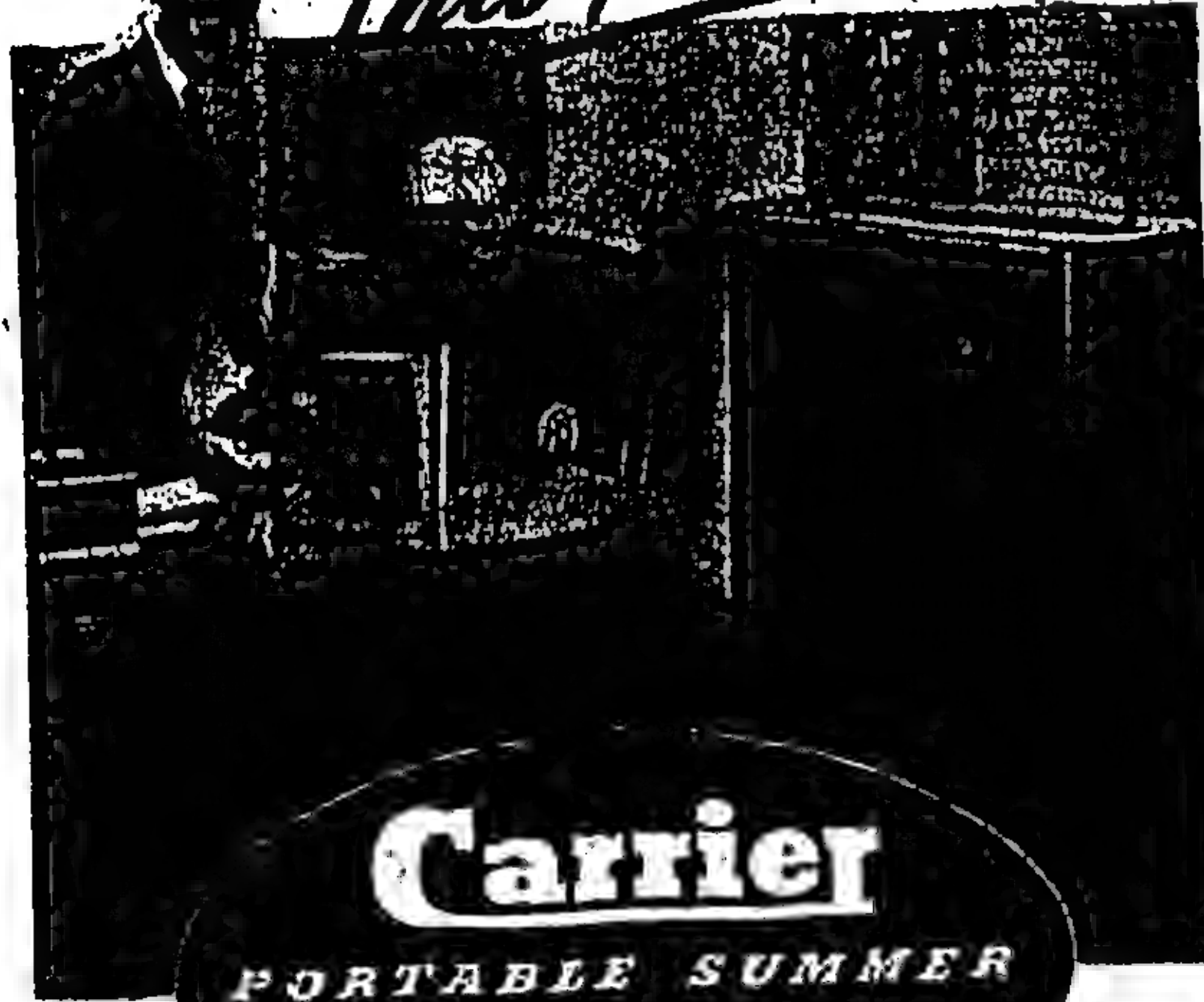
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BRITAIN'S EXPORTS MAINTAINED

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade told the Commons that figures of British export trade were very encouraging, keeping in mind the extent heavy industries were engaged on war work.

Export of cotton goods in April reached the highest figure since 1937. Woollen goods and other textiles, pottery and glass reached the highest for 10 years. The figures for cutlery, hardware, chemicals and rugs were the highest for 20 years.

Sir Andrew Duncan added he was not overlooking the gap between exports and imports. This was still very big indeed. But he was entitled to say that regarding March and April exports, at least a beginning had been made to a very creditable performance.

The invasion by Germany of Norway and Denmark, with the result rendering the Baltic largely inaccessible to our trade, resulted in the loss of markets amounting to ten per cent. of the normal export market.

With the invasion of Holland and Belgium, Britain had lost a further five per cent. of the normal export market.

This would to some extent be made up by our ability to trade in markets from which those countries are now excluded, but such a switch over must take time.

Although at present Britain must be prepared to turn over great deal of effort formerly engaged on the export trade to munitions production, he emphasised the need of concentrating on the export trade where it can still be prosecuted without endangering the war effort, and stressed the need of intensified coal production for export. —British Wireless.

SOVIET CONSUL IN PEIPING TO SUSPEND

Peiping, To-day.

It is learned that the Soviet Consulate-General in Peiping has received instructions temporarily to suspend business here. It is expected the office will be closed in the latter part of June, when the Consul-General, M. Nitiken, and his staff will return to Moscow. This completes the closure of Soviet consulates in Japanese-occupied areas in China, the Tientsin consulate having closed earlier this year. —Reuter.

PRIZES IN JAPAN FOR BIG FAMILIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

PRIZES WILL BE GRANTED TO LARGE FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS NEW MEANS OF ENCOURAGING MORE BIRTHS IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION.

A notice has just been issued by the Welfare Ministry asking all provincial governors to conduct a general survey before July in order to report families eligible for the award.

About 20,000,000 families will probably qualify for prizes which will be in the form of letters of commendation by the Welfare Minister.

Eligible families will be those in which there are 10 or more children over six. Parents must show good manners and conduct. The death of one child disqualifies families, except if the child dies in the war industry or as a result of natural calamity. —Havas.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

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SWASTIKAS TRACED IN BLOOD IN BIBLE

The finding of swastikas traced in blood in an open Bible in the ancient parish church of Barthomley, near Crewe, is being investigated by the police.

The swastikas were discovered by a visitor. He informed one of the church officials, Mr. J. Brasington, who found the blood still wet.

"I noticed that the swastikas were traced in the wrong way," Mr. Brasington said. "It is not certain that it was done by anyone with German sympathies. It may have been done as an ill-advised joke by youths who regularly visit the church from surrounding districts."

WANG KEH-MIN LIKELY TO RESIGN

Peiping, To-day.

It is learned in authoritative circles that Wang Keh-min, head of the Peiping provisional government, is expected to resign in the near future. His successor is likely to be Wang Yi-tang, president of the examination yuan of the Peiping government and formerly Minister of Interior in the defunct Peiping provisional government. —Reuter.

MOTOR RACE RESULT

Indianapolis, To-day.

Willbur Shaw, driving a Maserati, won his third victory yesterday in the Indianapolis 500-miles race in four hours 22 minutes 31.16 seconds, an average of 114.277 miles an hour.

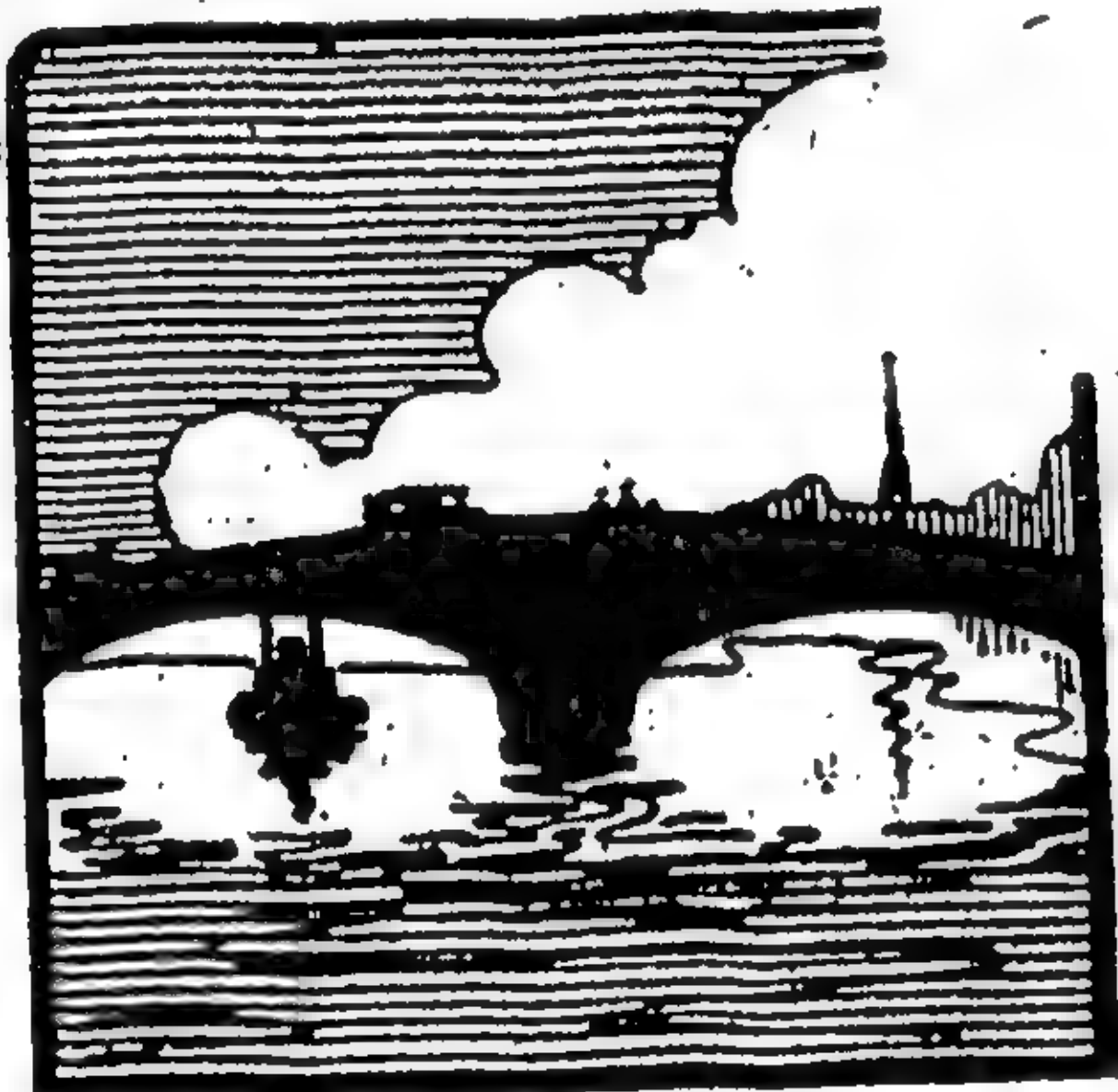
Rex Mays was second and Mauri Rose third. —Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8. Silver was quoted at 21-7/8, spot and 21-3/8 forward. The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250.

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BOWLING GREEN IN FORM

By "Skip"

Taikoo were expected to beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Austin Road but, in spite of a win of eight shots by Jimmy Chalmers against Guy, the visitors could not quite pull it off.

Andy Morton was just beating Melrose in this game, whilst Drew and Bovaard were evenly matched. At three, Tom Stainton was in fine form and better than Atkins and this superiority turned the scales in favour of the visitors, for Guy was equal to the ever-steady Chalmers.

Bob Duncan negatived this loss by winning by a similar margin. He was in splendid form and needed to be for he had a worthy opponent in Donald Munro, who played well for the most part but might possibly have saved when the home rink scored a couple of fives midway through the game.

These big counts enabled the home team to take the lead after nine heads, and, having got the advantage, they retained it to the finish, despite conceding a nap hand at the 16th end.

Lockhart and Dick Keown had a strong, silent battle from which the home skip emerged victorious by four shots. Eicknell

kept up the good form of last week and had the better of Hillon, whilst Tommy Grimes did exceptionally well as second man for Taikoo and was better than Sykes. Jim Watson's heavy woods often upset things, whilst Keown was quite as good as Lockhart.

LEWIS IN FORM

Craigengower had a comfortable win against Kowloon Football Club: Alf Lewis was in excellent form against Vic Chittenden, who did not have quite the support to be expected; Tony Lapsley as his lead was good but the next two players were off their game.

McNeill was the outstanding player against Youngusband's rink and seems to have found his best position as skip. He had many chances of shining as the Kowloon players were doing well, Joe Gibson and Eastman usually having the better of the position when they had bowled. Youngusband was useful if a trifle unlucky, but his opponent, as I have said, outshone him.

By a coincidence both Bill Field and Bill Way each had a Bill as his third man: the score card has a real end of the month look about it! The Kowloon player got to within a couple of his opponent, to show the best result for the visitors. After losing a five at the first end, his team played consistently, whilst the home team Modi was again outstanding.

Club de Recreio had the better of Civil Servants right from the start, Eddie Souza, in particular, beginning strongly against Syd Eccleshall. He had 10 on the board before the home team scored but strangely enough he was the only visitor not to win, a two to the home skip at the last head tying the match. Both Steven and Eccleshall were playing well, whilst Remedios, opposite to the former, gave a good exhibition. Civil Servants, by the way blanked out the Recreio boys for eight heads, after being those 10 in arrears, and thereby took the lead.

Dan Crawley played an excellent game as lead for Charlie Strange in his battle with O. P. Remedios and it was not his fault, nor his skip's that the rink went down. Rather was it the fault—if it is a fault—of Albert Rodrigues, who was great. Alves, who was making his debut in League bowls, was quite useful as second man but the redoubtable "O.P." was not up to his usually high standard.

A. B. Allan was always fighting a losing battle against Yvanovich but he saved his side time and again. Apart from him the Portuguese were better man for man, "Smoky" Xavier as three quite outshining



Spectators at the Baseball game between Chung Hwa and the Hong Kong Baseball Club.

Timber Wood, who found the green rather fast and was often through.

INEFFECTIVE CHANGES

Crickets Club made some changes in the teams for the game against Kowloon Cricket Club but without the desired effect, although in two cases, they lost on the last head only. Spary, after trailing for a long period, finished strongly against Maughan, eight in the last three ends giving him the verdict. Jack played very well for the Cox's Road men, whilst Jimmy Mouat was the steadiest player for the visitors. Davies was moderate whilst George Costello was frequently too heavy and did some damage.

Cornell, for the Islanders and Bob Marks for the Mainland club, were, I understand, the best players on the next rink although Duncan, whom I last week credited with an honour which he did not achieve, made a good debut as skip.

As regards the other game, I am afraid that the Kowloon team will be the only one to be mentioned in despatches as they were all over the opposition. Our sympathies go out to Walter Naeff, Carr's lead, who will I

hear be out of the game for some time as the result of his accident last Sunday. He played a good game, in fact they all did, and Brown's men never had a ghost of a chance.

Police and Kowloon Tong had a very close game, Kew's win by a mere four settling the issue in favour of the visitors. He had the lead against Bill Hollands all the way through a low scoring match.

Andy Wright was the saviour of his side against Harry Gittins, who, however, got home by a singleton. The Police skip had the happy knack of always being up and he got his reward, especially on the very first head when with the suburbanites lying six or more, he followed through one of his own woods for the first shot. And it was nominated!

Norman Mackay again played well for Tony Basto, who must surely have created a record by bowling a wood with the wrong bias three weeks in succession. Glendinning was good in opposition to Basto and deserved his single shot win. He was well supported by Harris, his number two.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says it's funny how some girls go for a man on a moment's notice—she doesn't need a second's warning.

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ONE RECORD IS BROKEN FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

(By "Rapier")

THE SIXTH EXTRA Race Meeting, held last Saturday, brought the first half of the season to a close, and racing will not be renewed at the Valley until the latter part of September.

There was only one day on which racing was actually hampered by inclement weather, and there were two occasions when rain fell intermittently. Despite hard usage, the grass track was kept in excellent condition.

Mr. Donald Black tops the list of most successful jockeys with 18 firsts, 9 seconds and 12 thirds. This has been achieved in spite of the fact that mounts from the Dunbar stable were not made available to him for three meetings. There is no doubt that Mr. Black is now a rider of the front rank, and if he maintains his recent form he will undoubtedly enjoy the honour of being champion jockey for a second time. Mr. Wei, though four wins behind Mr. Black on performances at the Valley, has four wins to his credit at Macao, where Mr. Black has not ridden since 1936, and as a result he has the advantage over Mr. Black by two second places in the race for jockey championship honours.

The Owners

After the completion of the Second Extra Race Meeting, Mr. L. Dunbar announced the sale of his entire stable, with the exception of ponies belonging to Mrs. Dunbar, to the newly formed Zylch stable. These ponies have not done too well, but they should be borne in mind during the second stage of racing, after the summer recess. Despite having sold his stable, Mr. Dunbar is at present heading the owners' lists with seven wins, though Marber and Marber 1 combined have nine wins to their credit.

One Record

Only one new record was established after the Annual Meeting, and this was accomplished by Sapper, the crack Australian pony of this season belonging to Mrs. Grasett. In a race over the mile distance, Sapper competed against the best of this year's Australian griffins, amongst which was Far View, the champion pony. Far View had to carry top weight of 165 lbs., conceding 2 lb. to Sapper. The race was fought out at a terrific pace, so much so that the record for this distance was lowered by no less than 1 4/5 secs. It was indeed a meritorious achievement, and Mr. Black, the jockey, deserves credit for the very able manner in which he handled his mount.

New Griffins

By virtue of its great win in the Champion Stakes, Burford, belonging to Quartermaster, must be given pride of place as being the best among this year's new griffins. It again demonstrated its racing ability when, carrying 168 lbs., it dead-heated for first position over the mile distance with Confusion Bay. This was in the Easter Stakes at the Second Extra Race Meeting. Just when it appeared as if Burford was likely to be beaten, it responded with a mighty rush and just managed to secure a dead-heat. In this race Satinlight, the Derby winner, ridden by Mr. Hearne, ran last.

Clember, belonging to the Marber Stable, won the Griffins Consolation Stakes (one mile) at the Annual Meeting, and it did not make any further appearance until the Fourth Extra Meeting. Evidently its stable connections firmly believed in its ability to win the St. George's Plate, and it was reserved for this event accordingly. That it fully justified the confidence thus placed in it was revealed when this pony produced a wonderful turn of speed, despite having to carry 168 lbs. in weight. Clember simply walked away with the race. Although entered for the Whitsun Plate at the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Clember failed to accept, due to a weak felloe.

The three ponies belonging to the Ciro Stable, i.e. Satinlight, Racylight and Spiclight, which swept practically everything before them, excepting the Champion Stakes, did not take a prominent part at the Extra Meetings. Satinlight and Spiclight, ridden by Messrs. Hearne and Wei, respectively, went out in the Easter Stakes, but failed to produce even a glimpse of their previous sparkling form and both ran unplaced.

Other ponies of this year's griffins that have done well are the following:—Dupont

Bay (2 wins), Gay Star (2), White Diamond (2) Eve of Reason (2), Distinctive Time, Hopeful Star, Johnner, O-Lan, Oonagh, Ronson, Thirty Six, Smashing Through and Possible with one win each.

Old Griffins

The best performance was undoubtedly put up by Confusion Bay, which formerly belonged to Mr. L. Dunbar and which was subsequently sold, among other ponies, to the Zylch stable. In the Easter Stakes Confusion Bay had to compete against Burford, Satinlight, Mount Hope Bay and Spiclight, the best among this year's griffins. The race was contested at a very fast pace, with Mount Hope Bay and Spiclight taking the initiative. Before rounding the bend Confusion Bay snatched a commanding lead, with Burford in hot pursuit, and, in my opinion, the latter's ability to secure a dead-heat was primarily due to the fact that Confusion Bay bored out, thus losing valuable ground. It was indeed a great race, well worthy of two such stalwarts.

Eve of Harvest, belonging to the Eve Stable, comes next. This great-hearted pony's best performance was in the Whitsun Plate, over the Champions distance, which was covered in record time, though the time could not be regarded as official as Eve of Harvest was carrying only 145 lbs. Craigavad, third pony in this year's Derby, was beaten in this race. It was ridden by Mr. Pih, who kept too far back, otherwise the result might have been different.

Humdrum Eve came into the picture by winning the First Section of the Mount Davis Handicap (one mile), when carrying only 143 lbs., beating the old-timer Bear Claw to pay a \$43.20 dividend.

Jobber had two very nice wins, the second of which, in the Boa Vista Handicap (second section), was due to the disqualification of Jennifer (Mr. Black) for crossing.

Other old ponies that did well were:—Galveston Bay, Valorous, Jennifer, Blue Diamond, Just in Time, Advancing Time, The Tigress, Gladiator, Soldier of Britain and Avon.

Subscription Griffins

King Kong, property of the Cocoa stable, must be regarded as the best subscription griffin, as, although it has not won a race this first half of the season, it has been placed on a few occasions when running against second section "B" Class ponies.

Rose Evelyn, owned by Mr. Eu Tong Sen, won the Hay and Corn Stakes at the First Extra Meeting, and then came second to Gladiator in the Lead Mine Handicap. It was also running for a time in "B" Class, but later was demoted.

The next best pony is Musketeer, and then comes Celtic Star, which won the Sub Griffins Spring Handicap over 1 1/4 miles.

To West Lake fell the distinction of paying out the best win dividend among subscription griffins. Ridden by Mr. Pan in the Shatin Handicap (First Section) at the Fifth Extra Meeting, when it beat Sunlight View and This Time, it was responsible for paying out \$222.20 for a win ticket.

Ridden by Mr. Black, Emergency Call came surprisingly into the limelight at the Fifth Extra Meeting, in the second section of the Shatin Handicap. Emergency Call's win paid out \$207.50. Others to do well were Chatterbox, Phoenix, Fel Ying, Wilber, Guinness, Time, Portrush, Smiling Time, March Brown and Talkative.

New Australian Ponies

Sapper, belonging to Mrs. A. E. Grasett, must, by virtue of its magnificent performance, be given pride of place among this year's Australian ponies. This pony came in second to Far View in the Rooter-Hill Derby, and was third in the Australian Ponies Champions. In the Albany Handicap (from the two mile post distance) it showed its superiority over Far View, although with a slight advantage in weight. This race was run in pouring rain, and, ridden by Mr. Davis, it inflicted on Far View its first defeat. Then in the Whitsun Plate, over one mile, this time piloted by Mr. Black, it again defeated Far View. However, in this race, it must be admitted that Far View's defeat was due to a slackening



of speed before going up the incline, and later information revealed that it was crossed by Ascot Day. There is no shadow of doubt that Sapper and Far View are the two best ponies, and a clash between them later on will be worth seeing.

Amicus Curiae must be regarded as the next best. It won the Brisbane Spring Handicap (two miles), which was the first time that Australian ponies competed over this distance. There was a grand finish between Amicus Curiae and Baffin Bay, the latter keeping too far back and finding Amicus Curiae had the stronger last quarter run.

At the Annual Meeting Many Thanks failed to reveal its true form, but the careful training of its owner, Dr. L. Reldy, resulted in a gradual improvement, and it went on to win three races in succession, the first of which was nullified by disqualification for boring out.

Others that have done well are Vanity Fair, Albany, Lucky Lady, Springhurst, Ascot Day, Shuttlecock, Franklin, Fair Chance, Rowan, Australian Prince, Piccadilly Jim and Brown Derby.

Old Australian Ponies

Baffin Bay, although it did not win a race during the first half, should be considered the best amongst the old Australian ponies in view of its grand run in the Brisbane Spring Handicap.

Courting Eve comes next. This pony came back into form with a vengeance when it won the Sharks Bay Handicap (one mile) in the fast time of 1.43 2/5, leading from start to finish.

Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) sprang a surprise in the Charters Towers Handicap (from the 1 1/4-mile post distance), beating Flying Dutchman and Derby Day to pay \$100.40. In this race Double Finesse (Mr. Pih) was a red hot favourite, but, suffering from a bad start, ran unplaced.

Bruno, ridden by Mr. Treverton, its owner jockey, surprised critics by winning the Cabramatta Handicap (six furlongs) for "C" Class ponies.

Centre Court showed a glimpse of its old form when it won the Bondi Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, taking the lead from start to finish. Amber II, with the new jockey, Mr. H. S. Chang, on top, created a surprise when it won the Spencer Handicap. It paid out \$137.60.

Brutus was the surprise packet of the lot when, with Mr. H. M. Botelho, in control, it defeated Sydney Lad in the Manly Handicap, and was instrumental in the payment of \$193.80. This happened in the second leg of the daily double, and only four persons managed to make the right connection, with the result that each of them received the handsome dividend of \$1,905.

Lancashire Chips, belonging to Mrs. J. H. Taggart, showed its old form when winning the Hervey Bay Handicap in the record time of 59.2 seconds for the half-mile and 170 yards, one-fifth of a second inside its own record, established under Mr. Proulx in December, 1938. The time will not be recognised, however, as it was running 7 lbs. under weight as per inches.

Bredon, which has not had a win to its credit for quite a long while, had to wait until the last meeting for a success in the Wallend Handicap, when it was ably ridden by Mr. Chattey over the mile.

Derby Day won the Great Bight Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting the time being only one-fifth of a second outside the track record of Courting Eve and Far View, though it was out 10 lbs. below weight as per inches.

Big Dividends

Following were the three-figure pari-mutuel dividends:

\$281.20—Ajax (Liang), 7 Furlongs 49 Yards.
\$222.20—West Lake (Pan), 1/2 Mile 170 Yards.
\$207.50—Emergency Call (Black), 1/2 Mile 170 Yards.
\$193.80—Brutus (H. M. Botelho), 1 1/4 Miles.
\$137.60—Amber II (Chang), 1 Mile 171 Yards.
\$100.90—National Pride (H. M. Botelho), 6 Furlongs.
\$100.40—Happy Landings (Davis), 1/2 Mile 170 Yards.

"Double" Returns

Following were the "Daily Double" returns:

\$1,905.00—Smashing Through (Chang) and Brutus (H. M. Botelho).
\$537.20—Lancashire Chips (Wei) and Talkative (Wei).
\$376.20—Willynally (Chiu) and Palmer (Wei).
\$340.80—Oonagh (P. P. Botelho) and Advancing Time (Chao).
\$273.10—Thirty Six (Yeung Wing-kwai) and Centre Court (Sung).
\$184.50—Smiling Time (Wei) and Fair Chance (Proulx).
\$167.70—Many Thanks (Davis) and Valorous (Treverton).
\$87.30—This Time (Wei) and Phoenix (Liang).
\$70.40—Lucky Lad (Needa) and Lancashire Lass (Chao).
\$26.20—Devonian (Black) and Albany (Eucarnacao).

ARMY TENNIS

Two junior Army League tennis matches were played yesterday. Following were the results:

R.E. v R.S.

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Engineers beat the Royal Scots Regiment by 7 sets to 2 in a Second Division Army League tennis match.

Capt. Bird and Capt. Martin (R.E.) beat Q.M.S. Green and Q.M.S. Graham 6-0
lost to Pte. Jenkins and Pte. Gilroy... 2-6
beat Sgt. Taylor and L/Cpl. Downing 6-1
Q.M.S. Rivett and S/Sgt. Quinell (R.E.) beat Green and Graham... 6-0
beat Jenkins and Gilroy... 6-4
beat Taylor and Downing... 6-4
L/Sgt. Spencer and L/Cpl. Shaw (R.E.) beat Green and Graham... 6-2
lost to Jenkins and Gilroy... 4-6
beat Taylor and Downing... 6-1

24TH BATTERY v 8TH REGT.
In another Army Second Division League tennis match, 24th Battery, Royal Artillery beat the 8th Regiment, R.A., by 7 sets to 2 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Capt. Macmillan and Gnr. Denton (24th) lost to Sgt. Banham and Gnr. Ward... 4-6
lost to Bdr. Freer and L/Bdr. Doane 4-6
beat L/Bdr. Tuckley and L/Bdr. Colthorpe... 6-4
L/Bdr. Thompson and L/Bdr. Hannon (24th) beat Banham and Ward... 6-2
beat Freer and Doane... 6-1
beat Tuckley and Colthorpe... 6-2
L/Sgt. Warder and Bdr. Pidgeon (24th) beat Banham and Ward... 6-4
beat Freer and Doane... 6-4
beat Tuckley and Colthorpe... 6-2

\$ 25.40—King Kong (Chao) and Courting Eve (Pih).
\$ 17.40—Satinlight (Moller) and Strathbanlock (Black).
\$ 13.70—White Diamond (Pih) and Murrumbidgee (Black).

The prizes in the Hong Kong Derby Sweep were worth: 1st, \$297,820; 2nd, \$85,120; 3rd, \$42,560. Entered ponies \$3,432.28 each.

Riders At Macao

Following table shows how riders have fared at Macao this year:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.
L. B. Chao	4	2	1	3
H. C. Pih	4	1	2	3
S. W. Pan	4	1	1	2
P. Y. T. Wei	2	2	0	0
Yeung Wing Sing	1	2	3	3
Chanson Feng	1	2	1	4
H. S. Chang	1	2	1	0
G. Cooper	1	1	1	1
R. K. C. Chui	1	1	1	4
J. Barrow	1	1	0	1
C. L. Gregory	1	1	0	1
S. L. Sung	1	0	1	2
Ip Kui Ying	1	0	1	3
Yeung Wing Kwai	1	0	0	1
J. Nolasco	1	0	0	7
W. U. Yeh	0	2	3	7
Hoo Pak Ming	0	2	2	8
F. A. Sequeira	0	2	0	3
Chan Oi Wan	0	1	0	0
C. F. Chiu	0	1	0	0
W. E. Grieve	0	0	2	3
S. L. Yuen	0	0	2	1
S. C. Liang	0	0	1	0
G. W. Hook	0	0	0	2
Lo G. Hin	0	0	0	4



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MISS NANCY NG
ACHIEVES AMBITION

By "STRIKE"

AS I ENVISAGED in a previous article, Miss Nancy Ng has been and gone and done it. On Wednesday this young lady bagged no fewer than 222 pins, to tie Mrs. Ismail, who made this score last year.

Miss Ng therefore has achieved her ambition which was to make a 200 and thus become a member of the 200's Club.

This score is no doubt one of the highest scores compiled by a lady for Ten Pin in the Far East.

Her effort was as follows:—

Commencing with a spare, she then made a strike on her second and third frames, a spare on her fourth frame, then a strike on her fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth frames; she missed on the ninth frame to make a 6 with her first ball and a 9 with her second; a spare on the tenth frame to make a 9 with her extra ball—she was rather unlucky with this extra ball—but she left number five pin standing, although it rocked on its base; had she made a strike with this ball she would have beaten 223, the Alley record for Ladies.

There was quite an epidemic of good scores this week at Ten Pins as for instance Signaller E. Jackson, of Royal Signals, who put up 221 on May 23, his effort being, strike, strike, spare, strike, strike, spare, strike, spare, spare; finishing up with a 7 with his extra ball to make 221.

Then on Wednesday, G. H. Enloe of U.S.S. Asheville, bagged 227; I believe this is the first time he has made over 200 in these Alleys; his bag was as follows:—commencing with three strikes in a row, he made a spare on his fourth frame, a strike on his fifth, a spare on his sixth, a strike on his seventh, a spare on his eighth, a strike on his ninth and tenth, and a spare with his two extra balls.

Then again on May 29, H. L. Kilpatrick, of U.S.S. Asheville, registered a 208 and a 226 (in Kilpatrick's case also, it was the first time he had bagged a 200 or over) he evidently must have been in a killing mood.

His 226 was made up with a strike, a spare, then four strikes in a row, a spare, strike, spare and strike.

Up to the writing these notes the record for the month are as follows:—

TEN PINS			
LADIES		MEN	
Miss Nancy Ng	222	Corp. H. Blount	248
DUCK PINS			
Mrs. Soong	130	Corp. Blount	144

First match I have to comment upon this week was rather a good one. It was in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition, between L/Cpl. A. W. Devonshire of Middlesex Regiment, and Corp. H. Blount, of Royal Corps of Signals, and was played on Friday.

Devonshire's handicap was plus 36 and Blount's plus 23, therefore Blount was conceding 13 pins per game, or 39 pins for the three games played.

Much to surprise of all, Devonshire won, but by the low margin of 4 pins only.

Individual scores were as follows:—
L/Cpl. Devonshire (plus 39):

1st	2nd	3rd	Recd.	Total
178	183	170	39	540

Corp. Blount:

1st	2nd	3rd	Recd.	Total
175	174	187	—	536

Devonshire is no newcomer to the Alleys, for in January last year he notched 234 pins to tie with Michael of U.S.S. Tulsa, L. Gaddi and Erne Hearther but owing to Regimental duties he has not been able to devote as much time to the game as he would like.

As can be seen by the scores both players, played above the ordinary in this competition.

Devonshire's average for the match, including his handicap, being 180 pins per game, and Blount's 179 pins per game.

It was the closest match yet played in this competition, and was a tribute to the handicappers.

On Sunday—an interesting and exciting 5-game Duck Pin match, was played between the Alley Team and U.S.S. Mindanao.

On this occasion the Alley Team won by 47 pins, after being down 51 pins on the fourth game.

The individual scores were as follows:—
ALLEY TEAM

Corp. H. Blount (R.S.)	501
Gnr. F. Spiller (R.A.)	447
H. Ruel (U.S.S. Mindanao)	424
L/Cpl. J. Grale (R.S.)	418

MINDANAO

A. A. Mascavage	477
E. Sangiorgio	443
T. A. Slater	414
E. L. Emerson	409

The Alley Team were one player short and H. Ruel of Mindanao, filled in the gap to good advantage.



MISS NG

The game was closely contested all through. In the first game the Alley Team were only 13 up and in the second game they increased this to 17 pins but, in the third game they lost a little ground to only lead by 9 pins. In the fourth game Mindanao came up strongly to lead by 51 pins, but in the fifth game the Alley Team rallied and won by 47 pins.

It was a close call for the Alley Team, but they demonstrated their superiority in the last game, making 414 pins, or an average of 104 pins per man, while Mindanao only made 79 pins per man.

I could not grumble at any lack of scores of over 100, because there were actually seven, with the same number topping 90 each.

Actually the average score per player per game worked out at 89.5 pins per player for the Alley Team and 87.2 pins per player for Mindanao.

BLOUNT AGAIN

The Mindanao Team have challenged the same Alley Team to play them to-morrow, and I have no doubt that it will be a match worth watching.

In the above match, Corp. Blount was top scorer of the match with 501, or an average of 100 pins per game, and was also highest individual scorer, with 122 in his 5th game.

A. A. Mascavage was a good second with 477 to his bag or 95 pins per game. He was also second highest scorer for an individual game with 111 on his fourth game.

Muscavage is practically a new player in these Alleys, and judging by his play on this occasion I expect to have some interesting scores to record in the near future.

On Monday Asheville Medical Department played the Asheville C.P.O.'s in a 5-game Ten Pin match, and, while the scoring on both sides was not brilliant, the friendly badinage and atmosphere made up for this.

The match resulted in a win for the Medicals by no less than 330 pins.

The individual results were as follows:—
ASHEVILLE MEDICAL DEPT.

Dr. Picciochi	727	G. M. Merkel	702
L. C. Garrett	702	C. J. Summers	673
D. E. Norman	684	E. L. Wood	634
H. O. MacPherson	591	J. M. S. Askew	465

Dr. Picciochi, for Medicals, was easily top scorer of the match with 727 in his bag, or an average of 145 pins per game, follow-

"ARMY
SPORTLIGHT"

"Army Sportlight" by "Squadry" will appear in these columns to-morrow. As from next week this popular Army feature will be published on Wednesdays and Fridays.

ed by L. C. Garrett, of Medicals, and G. M. Merkel, for C.P.O.'s, with 702, or an average of 140 pins per game.

The highest individual score was recorded by G. M. Merkel, who bagged 192 in his third game.

I mentioned in a previous article that individual scoring should be sought after, but I maintain that a team to have good results must bowl together.

It was a good match, however, and as far as team-spirit was concerned, nothing better could be desired.

On May 28 there was a good match in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition between the veteran bowler Doc Molthen and M. F. L. Haymes. Haymes was not generally conceded a chance, but he bowled well, and would have done better if he had been able to get in a more practice.

Doc Molthen's handicap was plus 20 and Haymes' plus 23.

Molthen won by 54 pins, the individual scores being:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Ttl.
Doc Molthen (plus 20)	155	177	198	530
M. F. L. Haymes (plus 23)	146	154	167	476

On Wednesday we were treated to a good game between U.S.S. Asheville ("H" Division) and U.S.S. Asheville ("S" Division).

This resulted in a win for "H" Division by 54 pins, the individual scores being:—

"H" DIVISION		"S" DIVISION	
L. C. Garrett	748	C. J. Summers	750
Dr. Picciochi	732	D. J. McNab	703
O. Aasen	717	A. R. Edwards	683
G. M. Merkel	667	M. H. Lambert	675

When the above match was first mooted I was at a loss to understand who "H" Division and "S" Division really were but I have a strong suspicion that the teams were "Supply" Department ("S") and Medical Department ("H").

It was a really good game, and, judging by the supporters of both sides who were present and the keen interest displayed I am led to believe that another match of this kind would be very acceptable.

POOR SCORING

The scoring all round, was not brilliant, C.P.O. Summers being top scorer with 750, or an average of 150 pins per game; second highest score was made by C.P.O. Garrett with 748.

Doctor Picciochi was a good third, with 732 or an average of 147; he has not been a frequenter of the Alleys, but I am of the opinion that a little more practice would bring out the talent which I feel sure he possesses.

I was agreeably surprised with M. H. Lambert, his effort, 675 or an average of

YESTERDAY'S
TENNIS

Three matches were played yesterday in "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League, resulting in wins for C.R.C. "A", Filipino Club and I.R.C.

C.R.C. v C.C.C.
Chinese Recreation Club "A" beat Cral-gengower Cricket Club by six sets to three at Causeway Bay.

H. N. Chow and T. S. Lo (C.R.C.)
beat E. Zimmern and H. Hung 6-4
beat M. C. Hung and T. C. Yu 6-2
beat S. Leonard and H. N. Au 6-0

P. H. Chiu and K. N. Li (C.R.C.)
beat Zimmern and Hung 6-2
lost to Hung and Yu 4-6
beat Leonard and Au 6-2

W. C. Choy and N. C. Tang (C.R.C.)
lost to Zimmern and Hung 4-6
lost to Hung and Yu 2-6
beat Leonard and Au 6-4

FILIPINO CLUB v C.B.A.
Filipino Club beat Central British Association by eight sets to one at King's Park.

Gonzales and Kwan (Filipino Club)
beat Dunne and Bull 6-4
beat Lockhart and K. C. Bond 6-2
beat G. Gurovitch and Woolgar 6-0

Ildefonso and Sien (Filipino Club)
beat Dunne and Bull 6-3
lost to Lockhart and Bond 5-7
beat Gurovitch and Woolgar 6-3

Banker and Souza (Filipino Club)
beat Dunne and Bull 6-2
beat Lockhart and Bond 6-0
beat Gurovitch and Woolgar 6-2

I.R.C. v K.I.T.C.
At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club were beaten six sets to three by Indian Recreation Club.

S. R. Saleh and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.)
lost to S. A. R. Bux and K. M. Rum-jahn 2-6
beat M. Moondharie and M. A. Wahab 6-3
lost to I. Kitchell and M. I. Razack 3-6

G. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)
beat Bux and Rumjahn 6-4
beat Moondharie and Wahab 7-5
lost to Kitchell and Razack 1-6

A. R. Azan and Mit Singh (K.I.T.C.)
lost to Bux and Rumjahn 4-6
lost to Moondharie and Wahab 2-6
lost to Kitchell and Razack 3-6

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. "A"	2	2	0	0	13	5	4
Chinese R.C. "B"	2	2	0	0	12½	5½	4
Filipino Club	1	1	0	0	8	1	2
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	7½	1½	2
Kowloon C.C.	2	1	0	1	10	8	2
Indian R.C.	2	1	0	1	9	9	2
K.I.T.C.	3	1	0	2	11½	15½	2
C.B.A.	2	0	0	2	3	15	0
C.C.C.	3	0	0	3	6½	20½	0

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On the whole this game was a very enjoyable one, and very keenly contested.

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FOR some weeks now there have been whisperings in swimming circles of a visit from a Philippine Islands team some time this season. Importance of such a visit cannot be minimised as

Aquatics

It takes something of the sort to provide the necessary incentive to potential members of our team, as well as stimulating enthusiasm among the spectating arm-chair critics. It will be recalled that the success of last swimming season can be directly traced to the fact that we were going to send a team north.

As revealed to the "China Mail" on Tuesday, it is highly probable that a P. I. team will be coming but, contrary to previous expectations, the contest will take place not in August, but October.

In many respects, this latter date is the more satisfactory, as our swimmers will have then completed their championships and should be in first-class form. In any event trials should not be necessary as the selectors will have before them the performances in the championships.

However well Lawrence and Company will be swimming at the end of the summer, I doubt their ability to lower the colours of the visitors. This may savour of pessimism but it must be borne in mind that we, a comparatively small Colony, will be taking on, not the city of Manila, but a team

SPORTS PARADE

representative of the best in the Islands.

Even if our swimmers do not cover themselves with glory, however, they should benefit greatly by the experience, and I am looking forward to seeing some of our more promising youngsters in action against really good opposition.

Now that there will be something to work for, I trust that Noel Hammond, now resident here, will make up his mind to keep up his swimming. At the moment, I believe, he is not certain that he can afford the time for serious training; I sincerely hope that he makes an effort to make time as he would be an extremely useful man to have swimming for us in the sprints.

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THE weather has not been so kind to tennis players this week. Rain again washed out the "A" Division programme on Monday and the senior

Lawn Tennis

players have yet to be seen in action; "B" Division suffered the same fate on Tuesday, while conditions were all against tennis on

Wednesday, although two matches, in Kowloon, were played.

In the course of the week under review, two unusual feats were performed, one in Mixed Doubles Division, and the other in "C" Division. On Friday, L. Goldman and Miss Ann Tylor, probably the most powerful mixed combination in the Colony at the moment, won three sets for Cricket Club against University without the loss of a game, and the Hussain brothers were responsible for a similar feat for K.I.T.C. against the Police on Wednesday. It is noteworthy in the latter case, that Pile and Brown, one of the victim pairs, had only dropped one set in six prior to this encounter!

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It has been said that Doc Molthen failed to use a pinch hitter in the last inning of the game between Hong Kong Baseball Club and Chinese Baseball Club, when the former had a good chance of saving the game—they were three runs behind with the bases loaded—because he thought that it was the sixth inning, but this

Baseball

is hardly credible as Doc Molthen would hardly have made such an error with all his baseball experience!

It is believed that the truth of the matter was that he had sufficient confidence in Bill Smith making a hit... for had not Bill made a hit earlier on, and there was no reason to believe he would fall then!

Apart from that, Hong Kong Baseball Club gave an exhilarating display which must rank as the best they have served up for a long long time.

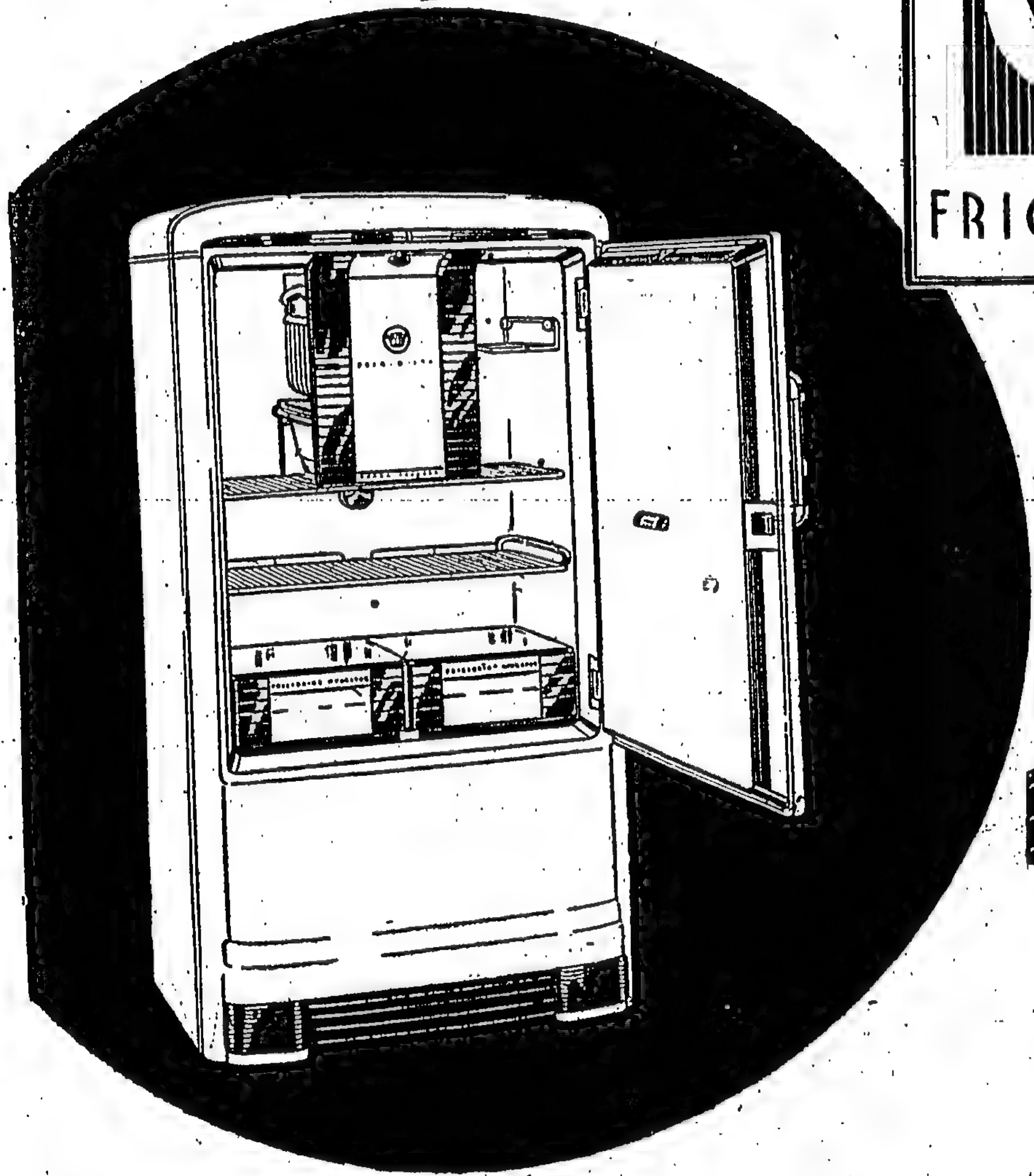
Smith may not be the ideal pitcher but there is little wrong with the team both as regards their batting and fielding and it is not expected that the other clubs will be able, this year, to use the Baseball Club games for practice, as most did last year! It will not be surprising if the Baseball Club brings some of the 'big uns' down this season.

We admire the tenacity and courage of Royal Engineers in all their games but there is no doubting they are still a long way behind the other clubs. They gave a fair showing against Mindanao last Sunday and should improve with every game.

Chinese Baseball Club seem to be badly in need of practice, particularly in their batting. Against fielding teams like H.B. and Mindano they will have to strengthen their batting to come out top.

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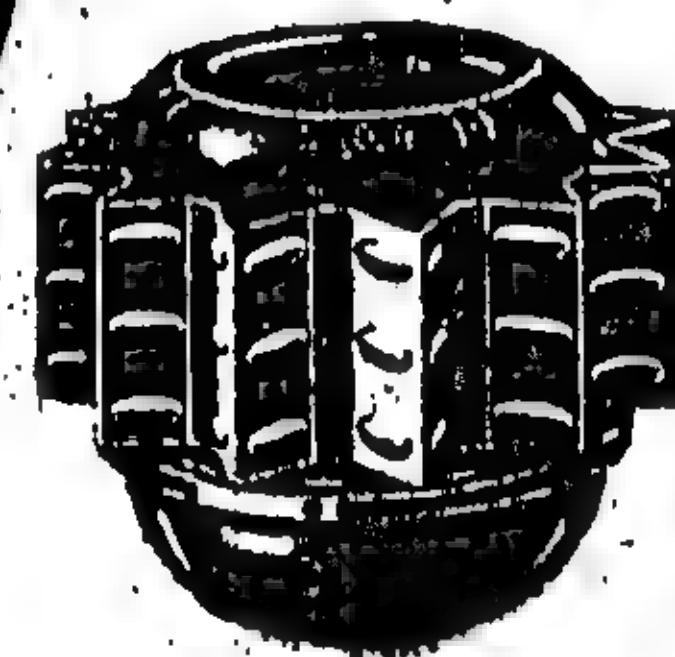
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INTERESTING RESULTS IN SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS

Rearranged Civil Service Team Score Good Win

NINE RECREIO RINKS NOT BEATEN ONCE!

By "SKIP"

WHILE THE OUTSTANDING feature of last Saturday's lawn bowls programme was the scoring of a "possible" by Jordan's rink, there were several interesting results recorded, and an upheaval of form in each of the three divisions.

The Civil Servants had a rearranged team out and it did well to beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club, whilst the latter club's second team also figured in a surprise result when it beat the Taikoo Club by a narrow margin.

To my mind, however, the outstanding result was the big victory which the Electricians scored over the Prison Officers Club.

SPORTS PARADE

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THE circular letter addressed to the Hong Kong Football Association for the stricter control of touring teams in future has, it is understood, met with the approval of the local Association and in future local touring teams will have to obtain the sanction of the Football Association of Malaya if they wish to visit Singapore before the local Association will consider their application.

Sing Tao Sports Club, closely connected with "Sing Tao Jih Pao"—a Chinese newspaper—appear confident of being admitted into First Division next year and have applied for permission to tour the Straits next month. They were only admitted into membership to the Football Association recently.

Hong Kong Football Association have referred them to the circular from Malaya with the request that permission be obtained from Malaya first before they will consider the matter.

Undoubtedly further correspondence will pass between Malaya and Hong Kong on this team and its proposed tour.

It will be recalled that Hong Kong invited the Singapore Football Association to visit Hong Kong last February. Singapore were then unable to accept owing to the shortness of the time at their disposal to make arrangements, but the prospect of Singapore visiting Hong Kong in the near future is not unlikely.

Saigon lost all their three games against Singapore recently. They were trounced in the Interport game, which was the last game played, by 5 goals to 1, Combined Services beat them 4-1 and Civilians won by the only goal scored.

According to Saigon papers, Singapore have very strong football teams, with a number of ex-professional players in them.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The following is to-day's League tennis programme:—

C.R.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
H.K.U.T.C.	v.	K.C.C. "A"
L.R.C.	v.	U.S.R.C.
U.S.R.C.—R. R. Todd and Miss M. Frith		
—T. J. Gould and Miss Reeve; Lieut. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley.		
H.K.C.C.—L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor;		
H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. L. R. Andrews;		
T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong.		
K.C.C. "A"—A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Stokes;		
E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Sweeney;		
E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams.		

Other Bowls On
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It is also noteworthy that of the three clubs with three teams this year, two scored triple victories; these were Club de Recreio and Craigen-gower, the former securing eight wins and a tie on the nine rinks which represented it!

In addition to the "possible" mentioned above, three sevens were scored, whilst George Ladd of Craigen-gower had the unusual honour of scoring a couple of sixes which enabled him to record the highest rink total of the season.

NARROW VICTORY

Craigen-gower did well to beat Kowloon Cricket Club by a narrow margin at Cox's Road, where three very close games were seen. Omar's rink won the match for the visitors by reason of being a bare three shots up against Fincher, for Goodwin and Basa tied and Kern was one up against Rosselet. This was the last rink to finish and, although the chance was of the remotest, there was just a possibility that Kern might have tied the match at the very last head. He needed four to do so but it would have required an almost superhuman effort to remove the enemy's third shot, which was well concealed.

Hong Sling, as lead to Rosselet, was right on his game again, whilst Kern was the best of the home team, although Mulcahy ran him close for the honour.

Frank Goodwin played a great game against Dick Basa, who found the woods running kindly for him. Leonard and Medina were usually beating their opponents and a lot of responsibility was thrown on Fraser and his skip; they responded well as I have said, but Basa's woods saved the situation on several occasions.

One of the most remarkable games imaginable took place between Fincher and Omar.

Before the interval Razaack and "K.M." were outplaying Hyde and Overy and, in spite of some good shots by Fincher and some equally good ones by U. M. Omar let me add, the Craigen-gower team were 24-6 to the good after the 14th end.

This head, by the way, was one of the most spectacular of the game.

The visitors were lying four nice shots when Fincher came up with his first wood and drew the shot. Omar just failed to face it with his first wood and Fincher drew another one, only for his opponent to produce one of his many spectacular efforts and draw the first shot.

Then tea and the transformation! Willie Hyde, who had been inconsistent, suddenly found his real form and began to play a great game, which inspired Overy and Moss to give of their best; the result was that, following a four and three, Craigen-gower were on the run and could do nothing right, with the exception of U. M. who saved several shots. The locals chalked up 18 shots in six heads without reply, but Craigen-gower got what proved to be a vital singleton at the last head.

EVEN GAMES

The finishes at Happy Valley were very similar as the Civil Servants and Kowloon Bowling Green Club proved to be very evenly matched.

McGowan's rink, with a majority of four, had the biggest win. Collyer proved to be his star player, though the woods were not too kind to him, especially on the vital 20th head, when he went through a narrow port twice, touching the jack each time but failing to improve the situation which resulted in the visitors counting four when the skips went down.

McGowan was too wide to save with his first, whilst Sheriff, in trying to block, was a trifle heavy and drew another shot. His opponent then played his best wood of the match and drew a beautiful second shot which Sheriff was unable to move. George Deacon again played a fine game for the visitors, especially in the first part of the game; on the first head for instance he had two right on the kitty with the result that the visitors scored five on this head, and they followed this up with a two and three to be 10 up in three heads; the home team's ultimate win will thus be appreciated.

Though Burling was more than useful the two star men on the end rink were Arthur Rakusen for the Civil Servants and Alf Hall for the visitors. It was said of the former that the nearer to the jack his opponents were, the better he played! He was in splendid form and overshadowed White, with the result that Hall had many opportunities to shine; he missed few of them despite skilful blocking by Harry Strange on many heads.

Two Walkers were, by coincidence, drawn as opposite lead on the other rink and W. L. had the edge on his opponent who played a useful game on his first appearance in the premier League. Harrower of the visiting club made a similar debut and had the better of Deakin. Grimmit was not up to scratch with the result that Fred Jones was called on to do a lot; he responded finely and can be said to have saved the side though he eventually lost by the narrowest of margins.

SOUND BEATING

The Champions gave the Indians a pretty sound beating as was anticipated, all rinks winning, thanks to Spuggy Silva securing a three at the last head to overcome Abbas and so retain his unbeaten record.

Carlos Silva and A. K. Minu were level at the 10th head, the latter having led all the way until that stage, but "C.G.'s" shots began to come off with more regularity and he ran away from the opposition, winning by 15 shots which included a seven at the penultimate head. I am told it might have been built up into an eight had not Chico Ribeiro wisely put one of his woods at the back for safety. C. E. Marques, who is without a doubt one of the best number twos in the League, if not the best, was in brilliant form again. Dick Alves, well supported by Soares and Luz, always had the edge on the younger Minu, for whom Hoosen was leading well. On F. X. Silva's rink, it was a namesake who deserved all the praise for "C.M." was positively brilliant as second man. His opposite number, Yusuf, was also good but was unlucky to find the Portuguese player in such devastating form. Khan proved useful for "Abe" and is, I think, of more value to his side as a lead than elsewhere. Abbas himself was in good form and could not be blamed for the narrow adverse margin.

The Portuguese skip lost one of the two sevens which were recorded on this green, when he took out a saving wood in an endeavour to secure a big count for himself.

RECREIO JUNIORS WIN

The Portuguese second string had a very comfortable win against Police at King's Park. After the first five heads had been played the home team had a lead of 11 shots and they added a little to this as the game wore on. B. Basto had excellent assistance from Doctor Guterres, who was up against a strong player in Shepherd. Neither Ted Post nor Macdonald was up to form and the other Police players had to put in a lot of good woods to keep the score down. "B.B." excelled with his obstructive shots and frequently prevented Joe Carey from breaking up the whole works.

J. J. Basto, pitted against Orem, always had the lead, although a six to the Police rink at the 20th put them within striking distance. Two Charlies, Vas and Roza-Perreira, were playing well for the home team, whilst Perkins was the best of the Police four, Orem having quite an off day.

Jackie Noronha and Fender had a very even game before the latter emerged victorious by a couple of shots. The home skip had a new number three in Lopes, who played a useful game against the opposition's best exponent, Willie Dall.

DOCKS WIN AWAY

Kowloon Dock went over to the Valley and collected a couple of points by virtue of big wins on the rinks skipped by Cullen and McKelvie, in spite of John Kempton going down very heavily to Bebbington. The latter's rink were bowling well to a man, the superiority of Didsbury and Lammiert over Revie and McMaster being most pronounced.

Kenneth Robertson and his skip were usually in the happy position of being able to add or protect; Ferguson and Kempton always had to attempt to save the situation.

In McKelvie's rink, which beat Walter Gill's by 17 shots, Bob Morrison was prominent. Jock McKelvie was exceptionally good, whilst of patchy opposition, I hear Duncan was about the best. Apart from Bill Houston, who was off his game, Cullen's rink outplayed Arnold Brooksbanks in no uncertain manner. Commencing with a lead of 14 shots to none in the first five heads, the visitors kept up the pressure. Young Lapsley played as three to Cullen and was useful if not brilliant. The latter term could be applied only to Cullen.

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MORE HEADLINES FOR JORDAN

By "Skip"

Len Jordan's rink have already had a lot of publicity by reason of their "possible" against Ben Evans', hitherto unbeaten skip, but when it is realised that only two "possibles" were recorded last year, it will be appreciated that some headlines are justified.

As I usually do, just for record purposes I mention the names of his team:—H. Spang, C. E. Langley and P. A. Peckham were his worthy henchmen.

Incidentally I cannot refrain from commenting on a phrase in the "Sunday Herald", which indicated that the four players were "looking forward" to the traditional bottle of John Haig whisky each. The impression I got when I saw the players at about 7.30 p.m. was they were "looking back" on a portion of their reward!

Like most "possibles", it was not a good head: there were one or two near the kitty of course but plenty of room to save. The skip as usual is blamed for not saving but I contend that the greater blame attaches to the earlier men for allowing him to be faced with such a nerve-wracking position! Be that as it may, the fact remains that Evans was heavy with his first wood, which was a good fault; but whether it was the tension of which I have written or whether he wanted to be benevolent I don't know, but he was certainly very short with his last one! The visitors became rather demoralised subsequently and scored on only three of the remaining dozen heads, although one of these counts was a nap hand.

Thanks to excellent work by Chris Pile it looked as if his rink were going to beat John Dinnen's but the last named player came right on to his game in the last four heads and finished eight to the good.

Doctor Smalley had the only visiting win, the very useful one of 14 shots, against K. C. Hamilton. The Medico's men scored on all but six of the ends and a lack of cohesion was apparent in the home rink, where P. J. Hamilton, who skipped last year, could do nothing right, not one of his drives coming off. Sid Walker was the best of the home four but Y. Abbas outshone everyone by his display as three to the doctor.

The Electricians certainly surprised me by beating the Prison Officers even though the game was at Ming Yuen. Tom Pile got a big lead on Paul but was blanked for the last seven heads on which the home skip piled on 15 counters. Sloan, however, had the biggest win and that against Arthur Jillett, who could not get going at all, as a deficit of over 20 shots shows. Bill Bagley and Jim Lunny were neck and neck for most of the game but after gaining a slight advantage the visiting skip piled on a count of seven at the 20th head.

Herbert Randall, skipping a rink in Craigen-gower's third team, received the O.W.B. (Order of the Wrong Bias) on two occasions, but he managed to beat S. M. Rumjahn quite comfortably. The Indian played a very good game but had little support from his front men. Broadbridge did quite well as lead, whilst Randall, in spite of his "lapsis lignum" was very good.

George Ladd, as I have mentioned, had a couple of sixes and these counts were not an unfair indication of his team's superiority. Solina was his star man I am told.

Hong Kong Football Club were all over their hosts at Chater Road and finished up nearly 40 to the good. Ronnie Edwards, though he lost by seven, had the best result for the home team, whilst Syd Strange with a win of 15 showed the best card for the footballers.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning.

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	A. D. Humphreys, E. Bathurst.
9.20 "	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.24 "	I. W. Shewan, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.28 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. H. Penn.
9.32 "	J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.36 "	G. C. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
9.40 "	G. M. Park, J. T. Smith.
9.44 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.48 "	Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.
9.52 "	D. G. G. Allen, Major Mackenzie.
9.56 "	T. Megarry, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.16 "	Capt. Bridge, Capt. Tomlinson.
	New Course
10.16 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell, T. E. Pearce.
10.32 "	Col. Newnham, Major Mackenzie.
10.48 "	Col. Shackleton, Col. Way.



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6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
6.58 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.00 p.m.—Relay from Saigon.
A little dialogue between an English couple living in Saigon, and light French songs presented in English.
7.15 p.m.—A Programme of Welsh Songs.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital of Grig's Compositions by Luba Shaftain.
1. Norwegian Bridal Procession.
2. Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen.
3. Ballad in the form of Variations on a Norwegian Melody.
8.30 p.m.—Schumann—Symphony No.

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1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38.
Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.
9.02 p.m.—Violin Solos.
Le Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens, Op. 45) Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. by Kreisler) ... Toscha Seidel (Violin) with Emanuel Bay at the Piano.
Serenade (Pierne); Serenade (Toselli) ... Renee Chemet (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Anca Seidlova.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs."
9.45 p.m.—A Variety Programme with Elsie & Doris Waters, The Western Brothers, Elisabeth Welch & Others.
Comedienne—That's The Worst of Having People Upstairs; (K. & C. Western); Gert and Daisy "Spring Cleaning" (Waters) ... Elsie & Doris Waters.
Piano—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (Intro. "What Goes up must come Down" both from "Cotton Club Parade"); Wishing (Intro. "Sing My Heart" both from film "Love Affair") ... Arthur Sandford.

Humorous—We're Frightfully B.B.C. (K. & G. Western); Keeping Up The Old Traditions (K. & G. Western) ... The Western Brothers.
Comedienne—One Kiss (film "Big Fella") ... Elisabeth Welch (with Orchestra).
Vocal & Piano—Love Makes The World Go Round (from "These Foolish Things"); When Mother Nature Sings Her Lullaby (Yoell-Brown) ... Leslie Hutchinson.
Organ—Ninette (Maud); A Japanese Sunset (Deppen) ... R. E. McPherson with Violin.
Comedienne—Hiccups (Waters); The Tale of a Hat (Waters) ... Elsie & Doris Waters with Piano.
10.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.
11.0 p.m.—Close down.

Saigon
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South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 9 7 3
♥ K Q J 8 5
♦ 7 4
♣ J 6 2

♠ 10 8 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A K J 9
♣ 8 2

♠ A K J 6 3
♥ 3
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A K 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened his fourth-best club (his natural lead). Dummy's Jack won and Declarer then took a spade finesse, which was captured by West's Queen. If at this point West had shifted to a diamond, East would have ducked, allowing Declarer to win the first diamond trick. West could then obtain the lead with the heart Ace, play his other diamond and East could then run off the rest of the suit. However, as the hand was played, West led the club Queen. East discarded the nine of diamonds and South won. South played a heart, which West ducked. The King of hearts was played. South discarded a small club

and West won with the Ace.

West should now have led another club, in which event South, having to lead from his own hand, would have lost all three of his diamonds. But West now made a belated shift to diamonds—the right play at the wrong time. East was now helpless, for if he cashed his other top diamond, Declarer's Queen would be good. As a last resort East led a small spade, and when South, taking full advantage, played low, dummy's nine won the trick. Dummy's high heart was now played and South was able to run off enough tricks in clubs and spades to fulfill his contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ Q J x
♥ K x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ Q 10 x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You
1♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is two diamonds. Your future bidding depends on what your partner's second bid is.

Score, two diamonds 100%, two no trump or three spades, 60%, other bids 0.

QUESTION NO. 424

Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ Q J x
♥ K x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ Q 10 x

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are the Mixed Doubles League tennis pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
Paul Kong and Miss Yeung Wai-bun (C.R.C.)	6	0	6
L. Goldman and Miss A. Tylor (H.K.C.C.)	6	0	6
T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C.)	6	1 1/2	4 1/2
T. C. Monaghan and Mrs. L. R. Andrews (H.K.C.C.)	3	0	3
Lee Wai-tong and Mrs. C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
M. Pagh and Mrs. Churchill (L.R.C.)	3	0	3
S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sweeney (K.C.C. "B")	6	3	3
Tsui Yan-pui and Mrs. C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams (K.C.C. "A")	3	1	2
E. Zulauf and Mrs. Sturgeon (K.C.C. "B")	3	1	2
E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Kevan (K.C.C. "A")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
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W. C. Hung and Mrs. Choy (C.R.C.)	3	2	1
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E. Zulauf and Mrs. A. Zimmermann (K.C.C. "B")	3	2	1
Capt. Hyde and Mrs. Smedley (L.R.C.)	3	2	1
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Aden, To-day.
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POLICE DINNER

Police Recreation Club, winners of Junior Division of the Hong Kong Cricket League for the first time in their history, are holding a celebration dinner at the Club commencing at 8 p.m. to-day.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.
In a Midland League Football match yesterday Leicester, playing at home, lost to Coventry by 3 goals to 1. — Reuter.

Eardley (U.S.R.C.)	3	2	1
Col. N. A. Newnham and Miss Reeve (U.S.R.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Harker (K.C.C. "A")	3	3	0
N. A. E. Mackay and Mrs. Sturgeon (K.C.C. "B")	3	3	0
G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Harker (K.C.C. "B")	3	3	0
Dr. C. C. Ma and Miss J. Hung (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	3	0
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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2795	Lion Rock Road, North of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2725.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 7,200	\$82	\$2,600
			As per sale plan						



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2797	junction of Un Chau Street, & Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 12,830	\$178	\$12,830
			As per sale plan						



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Middle Gap Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Rural Building Lot No. 437.	Middle Gap Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 16,700	\$192	\$2,004
			As per sale plan						



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2798	junction of Castle Peak Road & Tonkin Street, Shamshuipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 8,050	\$110	\$10,063
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(Continued from Page 1)

Casualties are high, but it is asserted that German losses are enormously greater than that of the Allies.

Main Armies Moving Slowly Towards Dunkirk

Slowly but surely, meanwhile, the great bulk of the Allied forces trapped by the Belgian defection, is moving towards Dunkirk, constantly in action, fighting what is already being described as the most brilliant feat of arms, in rearguard action, in history.

The Allied armies are fulfilling their heroic task in a manner which has earned the admiration of the whole world.

Already several thousands of troops have been evacuated through Dunkirk, despite the concentrated attacks of hundreds of German bombing planes.

The violence of the air attacks however is beginning to subside as the result of the heavy toll exacted by Allied fighters and ground defences.

Improved Outlook

"To-night," said the spokesman, "we can view the position with much increased confidence. It cannot yet be regarded as other than extremely critical, but floodings have eased the pressure, operations are proceeding according to plan, nowhere have the Germans broken the lines, and the Allies have gained new freedom of manoeuvre."—Havas.

"Perfect Order"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

A war communique says our troops in the north are pursuing, in perfect order, amidst continuous fighting, execution of the plan decided on by the High Command.—Havas.

Against Heavy Odds

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

Violent fighting has been taking place in the Yser and Cassel regions. Military circles are of opinion that the main German effort in Flanders and Artois is to drive a wedge between the Lille and Dunkirk areas, thus splitting the Allied armies in two.

The German manoeuvres are meeting with fierce resistance from the Allied troops, who consist mostly of British.

Along the Yser the Germans were unable to register any success, though it is admitted they have captured Mont Cassel.

At the bottom part of the bulge, French troops under General Prioux fought admirably against overwhelming odds and confined the enemy to a few infiltrations.

These French troops are retreating northwards in order to compensate for their numerical inferiority by shortening the length of the front.

There is nothing to report from the other fronts although along the Somme the last German-held bridgehead has been captured by the French.—Havas.

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London, To-day.

The importance of sea power in the present war, despite the growth of the air arm, is stressed in a "Times" leader this morning entitled "The Sea Grip." The article begins by paying a tribute to the B.E.F., stating as one day follows another it grows more and more certain that in the supreme struggle of the British and French armies hemmed in against the north-eastern coast of France, the world is witnessing one of the grimmest and most glorious feats of skill and steady gallantry in all military history. It is not possible to follow the conflict in its heroic detail. Yet now and again the pall of obscurity is lit with the gleam of individual fortitude and daring. It should never be forgotten that the real struggle is for domination of the sea. The very magnitude of the effort which the enemy has exerted in his drive to the Channel ports shows that he is under no illusions about the chief obstacle to his ambition of world domination—sea power today is even more potent than ever. Modern armies, whether on the surface of the earth or above it, cannot move or fight without supplies brought from afar. Nothing that has happened in the war so far supports the theory that warships can be driven from the sea by direct air attack. On the contrary, though the full force of German air power was exerted against the British in Norway, it was unable to prevent the British Navy carrying out with but slight losses every duty demanded of it; and the tale has been the same in the ports of Holland and Belgium, and Picardy. The article, concluding on a note of sober optimism, affirms that sea power, with its citadel stoutly defended by the Navy itself, by the super squadrons of the R.A.F., by a network of well designed and well manned ground defences and—not the least important—supported by firm civilian determination, will not be shaken. So long as it is maintained, Britain and France must prevail in the end.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

A plea for an intensified arms drive is the theme of several press editorials this morning.

The "Daily Express" writes that the men of the B.E.F. are carrying out a rearguard action of a kind that has never been fought before. Brave men face an overwhelming mass of metal and machinery. Yet such is their valour that Hitler has to throw a million troops against them. Now it is for the people of Britain to show themselves worthy of their fighting men. They read the despatches from Flanders with pride—and with some shame. Shame that our soldiers went into battle without all the arms unceasing effort could have given them.

The "Daily Herald" says the blow fell in Belgium, Holland and northern France almost simultaneously with Mr. Churchill's accession to the Premiership. A few days later the astounding deficiency in the equipment of our troops became manifest... who is to blame for the insufficiency of aeroplanes and tanks which has crippled the operations of our army in Flanders?—Reuter.

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, acting Colonial Secretary, informed the "China Mail" this afternoon that measures to implement the increased defence precautions announced by the G.O.C. yesterday will be put into effect almost immediately.

The necessary Orders are expected to appear in the "Gazette" to-morrow.

Two more bodies of victims of the Percival Street fire were discovered by P.W.D. coolies this morning.

BIRTH

GASKELL—At Singapore on May 30, 1940, to Evelyn Mary (Nee Peggy Humphreys) wife of Squadron Leader, R. C. Gaskell, R.A.F., a son.

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